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Figure 1 shows a schematic diagram of a two-dimensional lattice. The lattice is represented by a grid of points. A central point is labeled '0'. Points are labeled with integers: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100. The lattice is bounded by a square frame. The points are arranged in a regular grid pattern.

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WITH THE
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REPORT

The Board of Foreign Missions respectfully presents to the General Synod the following Report for the fifty-fourth year of its organization and the twenty-ninth of its separate and independent action.

The year has been characterized by many and great blessings, mingled with much of anxiety and sorrow. Death has again made serious inroads upon the membership of the Board, depriving it of two of its most valuable members.

The Rev. T. B. Romeyn, D.D., became a member in 1872 by the choice of the General Synod, and has been prominently identified with it ever since. He served the cause of missions ever since, in the Board and in the Church, with great fidelity, boldness of faith, intelligence and devotion. His death, occurring suddenly in September, 1885, was felt to be a severe affliction.

In the death of Gamaliel G. Smith, Esq., on the last day of the fiscal year, April 30th, 1886, the Board and the Church have sustained no common loss, nor one easily repaired. As Treasurer of the Board since October, 1862—with the exception of a brief interval of absence in Europe—he has rendered services the value of which it is not easy to estimate. Nor is it possible to exaggerate the importance of having in a position of such responsibility, for so long a time and through so many seasons of prolonged difficulty and depression, a man of such transparent purity and simplicity of Christian character, sterling integrity and unblemished reputation. Prudent, and even cautious, by nature, he was yet wisely progressive, and cherished always a hearty sympathy with the highest aims and broadest views of missionary work and progress. To his associates he was greatly endeared by long and kindly intercourse.

The cutting off of such men from the counsels of the Board seems little short of a calamity. Yet would we not forget that “the righteous and the wise and their works are

in the hands of God." It is His to raise up and to remove His servants at His pleasure. It is ours to praise Him alike for what they were and what they did, and to emulate their faithful service.

The health of Rev. J. L. Amerman was such as to cause great anxiety during a considerable portion of the year. By the blessing of God, however, he has been able to resume his labors in full since the opening of 1886.

Dr. Chamberlain's health has shown further improvement but has not warranted his frequent appearance in the churches. The question of his speedy return to India, for which he is not less anxious, and no more, than the Board, is still an open one. Another year, it is hoped, will see him in the field.

Dr. Talmage, by the urgent advice of physicians, spent some time in Australia with Mrs. Talmage, during the hot weather at Amoy, with decided benefit to his health from the Australian winter.

The Rev. J. H. Wyckoff, of the Arcot Mission, arrived in New York with his family July, 1885. The state of Mrs. Wyckoff's health has made it desirable for her to spend the larger part of the winter in the milder climate of South Carolina with her family.

The Arcot Mission reports with deep sorrow the loss of Mr. Nallatambi, for many years the esteemed Headmaster of the Arcot Seminary. He has long filled a difficult position with credit to himself and with advantage to the mission.

THE WORK OF THE MISSIONS.

The Lord has graciously smiled upon the work abroad in all our fields. From each one, the reports received breathe a spirit of cheerful encouragement and hope and of gratitude to God.

The Arcot Mission, which for two years has sadly reported a falling off in the number of communicants, this year rejoices in a net gain of thirty members, while the number actually received to the Communion is 95. Several new villages are also reported as under Christian instruction. The number of helpers of all grades has increased from 150 to 162. The contributions were \$758.08. In the department of education a considerable advance has been made, and this depart-

ment, which has assumed large proportions, as the tables given will show, must continue to increase in importance with every year. Eleven more schools appear this year than last, and an increase of 235 scholars. There have been seven students in the theological department of the Arcot Seminary. Three bright young men have been sent to the school of the Scotch Presbyterians at Vellore, for a higher secular training than the Arcot Seminary is able to afford. This is justly looked upon as a step in advance in the line of practical co-operation. And the hope is entertained that, by the extension of this co-operation, the general higher education of the young men of the Arcot District may be entrusted to this School, while the Arcot Seminary assumes more distinctly the character of a theological school. A new feature is presented in the Report of this year, though work of a similar character has been quietly carried on there and at other stations in years gone by, *i.e.*, the zenana work begun by Miss Julia C. Scudder at Vellore, and carried on by her with the aid of Mrs. Isaac Henry, one of the native Christian women and wife of the Catechist. They have met a very cordial welcome. The Mission report, with great satisfaction, the withdrawal of the Agents of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, from Vellore. This act of justice, long resisted by the Madras Diocesan Committee, was finally due to the repeated and decisive instructions of the Standing Committee of the parent society in London, and cannot fail to be regarded as a gratifying exhibition of Christian comity on the part of that committee.

The Amoy Mission rejoices in the increased number of its members, larger now than at any time for the past twenty years. Thus strengthened, and in the expectation of further reinforcement in the near future, the brethren are looking forward hopefully to the occupation of a new station at Sio-Khey in the interior at no distant day. With such a step, this Mission must, with the Divine blessing, enter on a new career of enlarged usefulness and success. The reports speak of times of gracious refreshing enjoyed by the churches at and near Amoy, during and consequent upon the Week of Prayer. Sixty-five persons were received on confession in all the churches, which now number 784 communicants. Their contributions amounted to \$2,107.37. The native pastor, whom

the Mission were, in sorrow, obliged to suspend, has shown encouraging signs of repentance and is again at work, though not yet in the pastoral office.

The tidings from Japan are still of the most encouraging and inspiring character. The growth of the Union Church has been such as to excite the profoundest feelings of gratitude to God and admiration at the work of His grace. The first church embraced in it—the Kaigan Church of Yokohama—was organized only fourteen years ago, with eleven members, by our own missionaries. In November last, at the biennial session of the Dai Kuwai, or General Synod, three Classes, comprising thirty-nine churches, and an adult membership of 3,228, were represented. The number of reported adult baptisms in two years was 1,413; the increase in the number of churches 10, or 34 per cent.; and of communicants 1,431, or 80 per cent. The contributions of these native Christians amounted to \$12,248.50. As if these were not enough, six other churches were added to the number, and five Classes constructed out of these and the original thirty-nine. The adult membership is thus raised to over 4,000. To the original “Three Missions” heretofore united in building up the Union Church, two others have been added—those of the Presbyterian Church (South) and the Reformed (German) Church of the United States.

This union of Missions has alone made possible the admirable and successful work of the College and Theological Schools, reports of which are herewith presented. It is probably entirely safe to say that to neither Mission, unassisted by the others, would such results have been possible. Both College and Theological School are now fully manned with competent and devoted instructors. The College also has the promise, from a member of a Reformed Church in this city, of an additional sum to one already given by the same hand, thus making the whole amount \$5,000, for the erection of Sandham Hall, which it is proposed to build this year. The number of students has risen to 35 for the Seminary and 247 in the College. Of the latter 64 are Christians, 19 having been baptized during the year. Not only has the standard of requirements for admission been raised, but “there is a great advance beside in the aids to the work of teaching.” When we began in 1877,” says Dr. Amerman, “there was not a text-

book of any kind suited to our use. Even the New Testament was only partially translated. Now the New Testament is all published and about half of the Old, and we have textbooks for fully one-half of a three-years, theological course, and we have a library of over 2,000 English and 1,000 Japanese works, well selected and *well used*." It cannot but be gratifying to notice how large a share our own brethren have had in the work of translating the Scriptures and in preparing these permanently useful and indispensable helps. Such work is of the very highest value and significance to the cause of Christ in Japan.

It is probably no less true that equal results in Evangelism and church extension would have been impossible by the independent action of these three Missions. If, as we cannot doubt, this Union is directly in the line of the Redeemer's prayer for His disciples, "that they all may be one," we cannot wonder that His blessing has rested on it in such a marked degree. Nor should we be surprised or disappointed, if, by very reason of this lusty growth, it should no longer be possible to trace directly, or to tabulate, the special results accomplished by our own missionaries distinctively. They are a part of the great and growing Church of Japan, with which and for which our brethren have labored from the very foundation, and to the strength and beauty of which we have been privileged through their labors to contribute no inconsiderable share.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

This result of the Union, unlooked for, perhaps, by the Church, but not by the Mission or the Board, is already manifest, in the report presented by the Mission, which will be found in its appropriate place. It marks a "new departure." It is not special but general in form and substance. No special statistics, it will be observed, are furnished, as of churches belonging to or dependent on our Mission. And in view of the action of the last General Synod, (Minutes, page 756) "that the Board be requested to furnish to Synod's Committee on the State of Religion, the statistical reports from the Japan and Amoy Missions, to be published with the statistical tables of the Synod in the same manner as the re-

ports from the Classis of Arcot," the Mission earnestly request to be relieved from the obligation to furnish such tables. The reasons given for this request may be briefly stated as follows :

1. The relation of the churches and pastors to the United Church has superseded that to the Mission. The Church is essentially *one*, and its constituent parts cannot be thus divided and set off to different Missions.
2. The self-support of many of the churches has resulted in their complete independence of Mission aid or control.
3. The free movement of members and ministers among the churches renders the accurate preparation of such statistics impossible. Such as would be possible would be unfair.
4. Churches established by the joint efforts of members of two or three Missions, as in Tosa, cannot justly be set down to either Mission, nor, by any ascertainable rule or process, be divided between them.
5. Because the churches in Japan have really no such ecclesiastical relation to the Church in America as those in the Classis of Arcot. They are, in no sense, ecclesiastically a part of the Reformed Church in America. The Mission feel that the claim to such connection *implied* in such tables, and their publication among the statistical tables of the Classes, would, if known in Japan, be highly injurious, by reason of the very great jealousy of foreign interference and control on the part of the Japanese. These reasons commend themselves to the judgment of the Board, as it is hoped they will to that of the Synod also. The Board would, therefore, respectfully request that the prayer of the Japan Mission be granted, and that the resolution referred to be reconsidered and rescinded.

CO-OPERATION IN FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Early in the year 1885 the Board received a communication from the American Section of the Committee on Co-operation in Foreign Missions, appointed by the Council of the Alliance of Reformed Churches which met in Belfast in June and July, 1884. This letter sought an expression of the views entertained by the Board upon certain specific aspects of the subject therein presented. To a communica-

tion from such a source, and on a subject of so great importance, the Board deemed it only proper that a carefully considered response should be sent. The reply of the Board was adopted and sent to the Committee of the Council in February, 1886, and is herewith presented for the information, and submitted to the judgment of the Synod. (See paper appended to this Report; p. 19.)

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

The members appointed by the General Synod, in June, 1885, were duly elected by the Board at the meeting next succeeding. The Honorary and Corresponding Secretaries were also declared to be *ex-officio* members of the Board and of the Executive Committee. The Rev. Charles H. Pool was chosen to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Rev. T. B. Romeyn, D.D. The Rev. Dr. Wm. E. Griffis having resigned from membership, the vacancy thus created was filled by the election of Rev. Wesley R. Davis. The Rev. John M. Ferris, D.D., was elected Treasurer in the place of Gamaliel G. Smith, deceased. No other change has occurred.

AGENCIES EMPLOYED.

Under direction of the Committee appointed by the Synod, the Board united with the Board of Domestic Missions in holding a joint conference in the Church of Fonda, N. Y., in November, 1885. The exercises were of marked excellence and interest throughout. The second day was specially devoted to a consideration of our Foreign Missions. An edition of 5,000 copies of the addresses and papers upon Foreign Missions and topics delivered at the conference has been published, and in large part, distributed among the churches:

District Conferences have been held to some extent, though not so generally as in some previous years.

The Board desires to acknowledge, with hearty cordiality, the active interest displayed and the willing and efficient service rendered by so many of the Missionary Agents in the Classes, and by an increasing number of pastors. The results are plainly seen in the increased gifts of many of the churches,

and the marked decrease in the number of those not contributing to this treasury in some of the Classes. It is believed that the attendance of the Missionary Agents upon the meetings of the Board has been helpful. A more general use of this privilege would be heartily welcomed by the Board.

The Rev. J. H. Wyckoff, beside speaking in a number of churches in the East, has made, during the winter, an extended and laborious tour among the churches of the Particular Synod of Chicago, making fifty-one addresses in sixty days, and with excellent results. Dr. Chamberlain has also made such few addresses as his health and the judgment of his physicians would permit.

The folded leaflet "Our Work," No. 3, has been issued to the number of 10,000 copies.

A circular signed by the Treasurer and the Finance Committee was sent to every pastor in February, setting forth the needs and imperilled condition of the Treasury.

A tract entitled "A Voice from India," and containing an earnest appeal by the Rev. J. W. Conklin, has been issued and is still being circulated.

The columns of the Christian Intelligencer have been freely open as before, and as freely used. The Sower and Mission Monthly has also given its accustomed pages of Missionary intelligence.

Missionary boxes have been called for in greater numbers than usual, for use both in families and in Sunday Schools, as many as 2,946 having been sent out. The whole number issued from the beginning is 13,000.

THE WOMAN'S BOARD.

The Board has no less pleasure than in previous years in acknowledging the hearty and efficient co-operation of this invaluable helper. The number of new auxiliaries organized was seventeen, and the whole number now in operation is 190. The total receipts into its Treasury were \$16,000.28. Of this sum, \$15,371.89 have already found their way into the Treasury of Synod's Board. Nor is its aid exclusively or even chiefly financial. The manifestly increasing interest in the work of Foreign Missions that characterizes many of the churches, is, no doubt, largely due to the faithful efforts of

the members of the Woman's Board and its auxiliaries. These facts entitle it still to the unreserved sympathy and confidence of the Church.

RE-INFORCEMENTS.

The Rev. Philip W. Pitcher, and Mrs. Annie T. (Merritt) Pitcher of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., joined the Amoy Mission in October, 1885, greatly to the joy of the brethren there.

The Rev. Daniel Rapalje, after an absence of about a year from the field, returned to Amoy in December, 1885. Mrs. Rapalje, for the further confirmation of her health, still remains with their children in this country.

Miss H. L. Winn, whose withdrawal from the work was reported last year, has again been appointed and returned to her post in the Ferris Seminary, at the same time with Mr. and Mrs. Pitcher.

APPOINTMENTS AND APPLICATIONS.

The Rev. John G. Fagg is under appointment by the Board to go either to China or Japan, as the claims of the work may indicate, at the expiration of a limited engagement as pastor of the churches of Lawyerville and Cobleskill.

Mr. Albert Oltmans, of the graduating class of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, has been accepted and appointed to the work of education in Nagasaki, Japan. The exigencies of the Union College at Tokiyo caused the brethren of that station to request, and the Board to authorize, the removal of Mr. Harris to Tokiyo. Mr. Oltmans, it is expected, will take up the work for which Mr. Harris was sent to Nagasaki.

The Board has received and accepted the application and testimonials of Mr. John A. Otte of the Medical Department of Michigan University, Ann Arbor, Mich. Mr. Otte graduates this summer, but desires to pursue his studies another year, when he expects to join the Amoy Mission, as the Medical Missionary whose advent they have so long desired.

The application of Mr. William I. Chamberlain, son of Rev. Dr. Chamberlain, of the graduating class of our Theological Seminary, has also been received, accompanied by satisfactory testimonials, and he has been accepted, the time of

his departure however, being not yet fixed. Mr. Chamberlain will probably join the Arcot Mission and be associated with the work among the Telugus.

It has only recently come to the knowledge of the Board that "the late Mr. Wm. Vermilye, of New York City had founded a scholarship in the Medical Department of the University of New York, of whose Council he was a member, for the medical education of Missionary physicians who would take service in connection with the Missionary Board of the Reformed Church." The scholarship having recently fallen vacant, the Board, being invited to name a candidate for appointment, has nominated the Rev. Lewis R. Scudder, son of Dr. Wm. W. Scudder, and he has been appointed accordingly. Mr. Scudder desires to join the Arcot Mission on the completion of his studies.

These brethren have come to us, in every instance, without influence or solicitation from the Board or any of its officers. Moved only by the Divine call from within, and the urgent plea for help coming from afar, they have "willingly offered themselves" to the Lord and to this work. If the work intrusted to us is to go forward, their services are imperatively needed, and the Board has not felt at liberty to decline them. In accepting them, it has of necessity thrown itself in confidence of faith, upon the fidelity and liberality of the Church and on the Lord Himself who can alone inspire and enable His people to devise and execute liberal things for His glory, and the salvation of men. Not to have done so would have seemed to the Board to be neglecting the plain indications of Providence and duty—would have been discouraging to the men themselves and to others like-minded with them in our churches, and disheartening to the brethren in the various fields, who have long been pleading for just such men to come to their aid in the work that presses so heavily upon them.

THE FIELD AND WORK.

At the time of presenting its last report, the Board felt and expressed some uncertainty as to the extent to which the work at Nagasaki should be prosecuted. It has finally been decided that the plan outlined three years ago, embracing the

residence of three Missionary families, and the establishment of two schools, for boys and girls, should be carried out. The work of education will thus go hand in hand with that of evangelization. With this view, Mr. Oltmans has been appointed to this station, to take charge of a school for boys and young men. A single lady is still needed to assist Miss Brokaw in the work of establishing a school for girls. The Board is happy to report that one great embarrassment under which it labored a year ago, in regard to this question, has been removed—namely, lack of funds. By the liberal donation of \$5,000 by the Rev. Wm. H. Steele, D.D., for this express purpose, the amount desired for the boys' school has been secured. The institution will be known by the title of "The Wm. H. Steele, Jr. Memorial," in memory of the only son of the honored donor. The Woman's Board has long had its "Nagasaki fund," amounting at present to nearly \$2,800, contributed expressly for the establishment of "The Jonathan Sturges Seminary," for girls at that point. An elder in one of our Reformed Churches has signified his willingness to contribute, from funds committed to his trust for kindred objects, a sum sufficient to make this fund also equal to \$5,000. For these donations, which seem to be new links in a chain of singular Providences, binding the Church to the maintenance of the station, the Board is profoundly grateful. It is not denied that this will hereafter call for increased liberality on the part of the Church as the work develops. It has, however, so repeatedly and emphatically directed the Board not to retire from Nagasaki, that we dare not anticipate failure on its part to supply the requisite means as the need shall arise.

Similar considerations apply to the Telugu portion of the Arcot field. Events that have transpired during the year make it increasingly manifest that, if it is to be held and worked at all by us, it must be occupied by a force more nearly proportioned to its extent and importance. If not, others will justly claim the right to supersede us. The case has been clearly presented and ably argued by Mr. Wyckoff, before the Fonda Conference. From this field, also, the Board has been repeatedly directed not to retire. It seemed imperative, therefore, to accept the application of one to whom so many circumstances point, as a fit person to be sent

to this field. At least one other can soon be obtained, of similar fitness, the son of one of our oldest missionaries, prepared by both medical and theological training for efficient service. He should be sent as soon as he is ready.

Growing importance attaches to the work of training a native ministry in every mission field. It is not possible for the small number of missionaries in any one of them to cover all the ground, or prosecute the work of evangelization as widely as duty prompts, opportunity offers, and the spiritual needs of multitudes invite. A higher order and more abundant supply of native ministers are a necessity, both for more wide, effective and successful publication of the Gospel, and the more speedy establishment of self-supporting, self-governing, self-propagating churches. The schools at Tokiyo have done and are doing most excellent work in this direction for the rising Church and the evangelization of Japan. Were it possible to have similar schools in the other Missions of our Church, the advantage to their work could hardly be estimated. The want is one which the brethren in those Missions deeply feel, and to which they have given frequent and earnest expression. With the means at their command, they have done what they could and done it well. With the added strength which, it is hoped, those now accepted will bring to those Missions when they enter their respective fields, doubtless much more may be attempted and much better results obtained. But for this, also, larger means are needed and should be supplied. Mention has been already made of funds supplied for the schools at Nagasaki and for the Sandham Hall of the Union College at Tokiyo. Why may not the Church reasonably look for and even invite similar gifts, from those whom God has blessed with the means, for similar uses in her other fields?

It is believed that added interest will attach to the present and future Reports of the Missions, by reason of the maps with which each is accompanied. For that of Japan acknowledgment is due to the courtesy of the A. B. C. F. M.

That fields of labor like these, of such wide extent and teeming population should make large demands, is no more than ought to be expected, nor that those demands should grow. They come, in their enlarged proportions and insistence, from no enlargement of our field, but from the Pro-

vidential and legitimate—the inevitable growth, by the Divine blessing, of the work already in our hands in the fields originally committed to our trust.

FINANCES.

The year has closed more happily, upon the treasury, than the Board could have anticipated. For this result, and for the comparatively favorable report herewith presented, it is profoundly grateful.

The total of Receipts from all the usual sources, was \$81,386.55, classified as follows: From churches, \$38,839.60; from Sunday Schools, \$9,080.11; from individuals through the churches, \$15,456.16; from individuals not through churches, \$3,068.60; from miscellaneous sources, \$9,636.19*; and from legacies, \$5,305.89. This sum is about \$7,000 less than the receipts of the previous year, which were \$88,134.04. It has very nearly, but not quite, sufficed to meet the expenditures of the year. The apparent indebtedness at the bank, of \$10,500 at the close, is \$1,500 more than that reported last year. But the balance in hand of a little more than \$600 (\$611.95), reduces the actual deficiency of income to about \$900. This is a far better result than the Board at one time dared to hope for, and is due, under God, to the unparalleled receipts of the last two months of the year, and to the unstinted and unexpected liberality of the Church. While it has failed to give the sum of \$100,000 which the Synod fixed as the goal of its endeavor, yet the actual result has many elements of encouragement. Its contributions would have met all the expenses of the year, and that a most unfavorable year, if only they had been made more promptly and uniformly. Had the legacies received during the last two years been equal to the average of the last ten, there would have been no debt. Moreover, the contributions of the churches have steadily increased for the last four years. They reached, last year, almost the highest figure they have ever attained. This year there has been a slight reaction, slight indeed compared with those by which special efforts have been followed in the past. The difference now is less than \$7,000, while repeatedly in

* This item includes \$8,237.16, paid in gross sums by the Treasurer of the Woman's Board.

the history of the Treasury, heretofore, there has been a falling off of more than \$20,000 from one year to another, in some cases more than \$30,000. The average of receipts of the last four years is \$78,000, of the previous five years \$68,000. In other words, the Church has really made and held the advance it was asked to make, of \$10,000, four years ago! It is plain, therefore, that it is both able and means to maintain its work in all its fields, and is surely, if somewhat slowly, proving itself equal to its enlarged demands. We thus lawfully gather food for gratitude and encouragement out of the financial experience of the year.

The expenditures have been \$82,753.63, distributed as follows: For the Amoy Mission, \$13,933.77; for the Arcot Mission, \$25,908.89; for the Japan Mission, \$34,821.72; for ordinary Home Expenses, \$5,840.95; for interest on loans, \$1,536.52, and for premium on bonds purchased for the Security Fund, \$711.78. The interest charge might, in large part at least, have been saved to the Treasury if contributions had been more evenly distributed through the year. The last item was made necessary by the transfer of bonds from one class of securities to another equally good. The sums charged to Home Expenses proper is somewhat larger than usual. It is made so by the cost of moving the office, traveling expenses, printing and the distribution of missionary boxes, which, by the direction of the Synod, are supplied without cost to those who desire to make use of them. All of these items are in excess of previous years. The cost of administration, including premium and interest was \$8,089.25, or about 10 per cent. of the whole amount received and expended. Excluding those items the cost was about 7 1-10 per cent.

The appropriations for the current year, exclusive of money for school buildings, are as follows:

For the Amoy Mission.....	\$15,300
“ Arcot Mission.....	27,347
“ Japan Mission.....	33,313
For Home Expenses.....	5,500

Total appropriations..... \$81,960

These figures do not include, however, the cost of sending out any of those whose applications have been accepted, nor of returning Dr. Chamberlain to India if he should be able to go. To send a family and a single lady to Nagasaki would add about \$2,400, and to send Dr. Chamberlain and his son to India, as much more. The maintenance of all in the field will be a subsequent constant charge upon the Treasury of about \$3,000. Those who are accepted for China, expect to go not this year but next. A similar provision will have to be made for them in the appropriations of that year, and the years following.

From what has been said two things, among many others, are plainly to be gathered :

1. There can be no relaxing of our efforts. If we would be true to ourselves, to our opportunities, and to the Lord whom, in this work above all, we desire to serve, as well as to the work He has given us to do, we must look forward and not back. We must plan and prepare for still further advances. In fact there is as much reason now as ever, nay, more now than before, for making \$100,000, the mark at which we aim for the new year on which we have entered. This sum obtained would put the reinforcements mentioned in the field and sweep away the last vestige of remaining debt. The Church that can give \$25,000 in one month can surely give \$100,000 in a year, if only it be wisely gone about. But

2. If this is to be done, it is equally plain that the effort cannot be delayed till near the end of the year. That two-thirds of the year should bring only one-third of the year's income to the Treasury—that nearly one-third of all should be received in one month and nearly half in two months—this is a real and constant danger and menace. A glance at the receipts of the different months placed together will show how great that danger is. Thus: May, 1885, \$2,623.32; June, \$1,629.11; July, \$3,979.10; August, \$3,064.59; September, \$2,686.36; October, \$3,900.85; November, \$3,687.69; December, \$6,900.12; January, 1886, \$6,546.29; February, \$7,371.15; March, \$13,931.19; April, \$25,063.48. That, surely, cannot be a wise policy which brings \$22,000 in April and only \$2,600 in May or \$1,600 in June, even though these be followed by \$25,000 the next April. Such inequality gives rise to an anxiety which the event, indeed, may show to be

needless, but which can only be known to be needless after the event. It subjects the entire work and honor of the Church to hazard—to imminent risk of inevitable disaster. It is not pleasant to think of what might have been the result had any untoward circumstance prevented, as many circumstances might have done, the magnificent achievement of the Church in March and April last. This subject is well worthy the serious attention and wise action of the Church.

And, in conclusion, it is manifest that we are on the eve of mightier movements of the Church and of the Spirit of God than the world has yet seen. He is indeed a dull observer, of narrow vision or of narrow mind, who cannot see or does not understand that, in looking forward as we are compelled to do, we are but following the direction in which our blessed Lord Himself is looking; we are but working in the line in which His providence is working mightily; we are but seeking the object towards which His Church in its ever-widening operations, under His own guidance, His people in their ever-broadening sympathies and deepening convictions, under His own inspiration, are plainly tending. We *must* go forward or be left behind. To shrink back reluctant, to relax our effort, to grow cold or indifferent in this service, even to be content with what we have already done, is to drop out of His onward marching Church, to part company with Him who leads it on. The share the Reformed Church has taken in that which has been already accomplished has been large and blessed. For it we may be truly grateful to God. May He of His grace give us the boldness of faith, patience of labor, fervency in prayer, and heartiness of consecration, by means of which still greater things may be accomplished in days to come—for the glory of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and the redemption of our fellow-men.

The term of office of the following members of the Board expires with this session of the General Synod.

Rev. John Forsyth, D.D.,	Rev. J. H. Oerter, D.D.,
“ T. W. Chambers, D.D.,	Mr. James A. Williamson,
“ Roderick Terry, D.D.,	“ Jacob L. Sutphen,
“ W. J. R. Taylor, D.D.,	“ Garret Planten.

Approved by the Board, May 12th, 1886.

HENRY N. COBB,

Corresponding Secretary.

CO-OPERATION IN FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Reply of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America, to the Committee of the Belfast Council of the Alliance of Reformed Churches.

New York, January 6, 1886.

To the Revs E. Kempshall, D. D., Chairman, W. J. R. Taylor, D. D., Secretary, and others of the Committee :

Dear Brethren :

The Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America, gratefully acknowledge and cordially reciprocate "the Christian and fraternal greetings of the Council" of the Alliance of Reformed Churches, which met at Belfast, Ireland, in June and July, 1884, as presented by the American section of its Committee on Co-operation in Foreign Missions, in their circular letter of June, 1885.

They rejoice in the assurance that the proceedings of the Council "developed a very strong drift, and unanimous desire for larger and more energetic practical union and co-operation in the conduct of Foreign Missionary work" by all the branches of the Church there represented ; and they cheerfully comply with the request of the Committee to present their own conclusions on the important topics submitted for their consideration.

1. *Of Co-operation :*—Of "the urgent need of friendly co-operation by the Foreign Missionary Boards of all the Churches represented in the Alliance," this Board does not entertain a doubt. To this principle it is already committed by its own action. With the full approval of the Board, and the General Synod of the Reformed Church, whose agent and representative it is, our Missionaries in China and Japan have, for years, been closely associated and co-operating with those of kindred Churches in Missionary work. From this association, we believe, no evil has resulted, but much good every way. Had the principle been recognized and operative everywhere, much painful rivalry and contention might have been avoided in one, at least, of the stations now occupied by our Missionaries, between those of different branches of the same family. To prevent such rivalries and competitions in the future, so far as possible, is most important. They cannot but be injurious to those who engage in or are immediately affected by them. They must appear indefensible and disgraceful in the eyes of the native Christians and even of intelligent heathen. Nor can the Church of Christ afford the loss occasioned by them to the general cause of Gospel propagation to which it is commissioned and committed. The field is wide enough for all, without the necessity of, or excuse for, trespass upon the portion properly occupied by any. The number of missionaries that can be obtained and sent forth to occupy it, is far too small to make it right or wise for one to tread upon the heels of another.

Such co-operation is attended with special advantages in the support and conduct of the more extensive and costly enterprises connected

with the Missionary work, in fields where different branches of the Church are laboring side by side, as, for example, in the Christian College and the Union Theological Seminary in Tokiyo, Japan, and the Middle and Theological Schools at Amoy in China.

Not less important is the added strength that must come to those at work in separate, but contiguous fields, and with interests hitherto somewhat divided, from the sense of association, combination, mutual relief and support, union of effort for one definite result. Nor less, the opportunity that such co-operation will afford, for the distribution, by mutual arrangement and agreement, of the different fields, in such a way as to secure the most general, speedy and effective evangelization of the nations with the most economical use of the men and means supplied by the Churches.

2. *Of One Native Church*.—The establishment of "one united ecclesiastical organization, in each Mission field, of the family of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian system," is also an object to which the Reformed Church in America stands fully committed. So long ago as 1875, in adopting a plan of co-operation with the American Presbyterian Church (South), the General Synod made use of the language following: "And this agreement is made not only for the purpose of expressing, as it does, the confidence which these two American Churches have in each other, but chiefly with the view of contributing to the establishment, in each Mission country, of a national Church that shall grow from its own root." So long ago did this branch of the Reformed Church openly avow its desire for that consummation which it is the object of this present effort to secure.

We have no desire to see the multitudinous divisions of the Reformed family established and perpetuated in countries now heathen but one day to become Christian. On the contrary, we would view the possibility of such a result with profound regret and apprehension, as a crime against the Churches and believers in those lands and a sin against God. On one point, only, have we hesitation. It is no doubt true that a special interest attaches to the possession of a distinct field of Missionary operations, of which the results, in churches, ministers, communicants, etc., may be reported, and to which the Church at home may point, and be pointed, as her own. And so far as this element of influence can be retained consistently with the position expressed above, we deem it important, and to be carefully guarded and preserved. But we take that position in the full expectation that the establishment of a single national Church cannot be attained without some sacrifice of merely denominational interest, but also in the sure conviction that the opposite principle cannot be adopted and acted out, without a sacrifice of far greater moment—of the interests and prospects of the Church in Mission countries—and so wounding and crippling the body of Christ.

If, as in Japan, it should become impossible, in the progress of the work, to distinguish the churches properly dependent on, or under the care of, the four or five Missions and churches already united in building up the union "Church of Christ in Japan," by means of closeness of

association, frequent interchanges of Ministers, etc., we could hardly view such a result without some regret. Far more to be regretted, however, would be the establishment of four or five, or more, distinct Presbyterian or Reformed Churches, distinct in little else than name, in place of the one, united, flourishing Church, now numbering, after only thirteen years of labor, five Presbyteries or Classes, forty-five churches and more than 4,000 members, with a newly organized Board of Missions of its own. In such results all Christendom may well rejoice. On such an enterprise, we believe, rests and will ever rest the special blessing of Him whose prayer for His disciples was, "*that they may be one.*"

To "the best way to accomplish this result," experience seems to point. The plan of union, in Japan, originated with the missionaries there laboring, and was accepted and approved by the proper authorities in the Home Churches. It is not easy to see why the Missionaries of the Reformed family in China or India might not, with equal propriety, take similar steps, subject to like approval by the Churches that sent them forth. If the Assemblies or Synods that have not already done so, should deem it wise to formally adopt this principle, and suggest corresponding action to their Missionaries, the day of its attainment might be hastened. We believe it cannot come too soon.

3. *Of self-support and self-government*.—In a broad sense, the organization of such a Church in every Mission country where it is practicable, and the incorporation into it of all Churches of like faith and order, would, perhaps, be found one of the most effective means for promoting self-support, self-extension and self-government among those who compose it. It immediately becomes *their* Church. They have a new motive to labor for its support and extension, a new and increased degree of responsibility for its order and government.

It is the view of this Board, in which we believe all our Missionaries are agreed, that responsibility should be thrown upon the native churches, both for government and maintenance, as early and as far as possible. We believe that actual participation in government is the best training for self-government, and that such participation should go hand in hand with some corresponding measure of self-support. It is not unworthy of question, whether, in countries where the mass of the native Christians are in great ignorance and deep poverty, the organization of local churches may not sometimes be delayed longer than is wise, through a creditable but mistaken reluctance to put responsibility on those who seem every way unfit for it, or to seek contributions toward self-support from those who seem to have nothing to give; but who, yet, have always borne, before their conversion, the not inconsiderable burdens of their idol worship.

The special methods by which the spirit of manly independence can be best developed, in the members of Native Mission churches, would probably vary as much, according to local, temporary or national peculiarities, as they do among the Home churches. We are content to leave them largely, if not entirely to the discretion of those in the field. The experience of some of our Missions and of other Missions also, suggests

the inquiry, however, whether much might not be accomplished by association of intelligent natives in the management of the secular affairs of the Mission, without losing or resigning that final control of expenditures which must remain in the hands of those who represent the Churches contributing the funds. In the same line is the management and disbursement of moneys contributed by the native churches themselves, which should, of course, be chiefly if not entirely, in the hands of their own representatives. The establishment of Funds or Associations for pastoral support, ministerial relief and of Mission Societies or Boards has served a useful purpose, and might be made more general and serviceable than it is.

Too great importance in this connection can hardly be attached to the raising up and training of men of intelligence, piety and independent spirit, fitted to be leaders, as pastors and teachers, of the people, or to the provision of means by which such training can be supplied

4. *Of the Relation of Native to Home Churches:*—It would seem to follow directly from what has been already said, that, in our view, the relation between the Native Churches and the Churches at home, should be "voluntary and temporary," and should exist "only so long as may be required by the infancy and growth of the Native Churches," and "until they can stand alone and take care of themselves." We believe that any other policy would be preventive of the object professedly sought under Article 3, and would therefore be mistaken and injurious and might easily become oppressive to the Native Churches. Questions must frequently arise on which, because of distance and lack of information, or of sympathy with native feelings and modes of thought and life, the Home Churches would not be in a position to reach wise conclusions and pronounce equitable judgment. With the best intentions, grave mistakes would be likely to be made. In cases of discipline and appeal, the Native Churches would be practically cut off from access to any higher Court, possessed of proper authority to revise and reverse or confirm the decisions of the local Session or Consistory and the Presbytery or Classis.

The difficulties attending such appeal, on the part of an aggrieved Church or Church member can hardly be exaggerated. They would be such as virtually to make the exercise of the right impossible. The early history of the Reformed Church in America, and the contentions that arose and rent her, about this very subject of dependence upon the authority and decisions of a foreign ecclesiastical body, afford us an abundant and emphatic warning against the effort to exercise and perpetuate such control over Churches in their turn foreign to us.

It is indeed true that the Classis of Arcot, in India, is in close ecclesiastical connection with the Particular Synod of New York, and so with the General Synod of the Reformed Church. Yet, should the principles avowed in this paper be accepted, and a united Presbyterian or Reformed Church be organized in India, we do not anticipate any great difficulty in its transfer to and union with such a body. As a matter of fact, however, no questions have yet arisen to bring the difficulties above mentioned into prominent view.

5. *Of Ecclesiastical Relations of Missionaries:*—In theory, our Missionaries are all regarded and commissioned as Apostolic Evangelists. Nor does their practice really conflict with this theory. Some of them have acted, and still act, as pastors of local churches. But this relation is recognized as temporary and not permanent. They are not called by the churches they thus serve, nor installed over them. Nor do they at all derive their support from them, relying for that entirely upon the funds of the Home Church. They confessedly discharge the duties of their office only until such time as it may be possible to ordain native pastors over all the churches. At the same time they exercise a sort of Apostolic supervision and care over the other churches, beside performing such Evangelistic labor among the heathen as they have time and strength for. It would be, to them, a great relief if the care of all the local churches could be speedily committed to faithful men, natives, worthy to assume the position and responsibilities of the pastoral office.

In regard to the other branch of this question, the relation of the Missionaries to the Native Ecclesiastical bodies, Presbyteries or Classes and Synods, we have no experience or information which enables us to arrive at a definite conclusion. It is believed that our Missionaries generally, with the possible exception of those in Japan, (of whose opinions on this point we are not advised,) would decidedly deprecate the formation, at present, of Ecclesiastical bodies composed exclusively of Ministers and Elders of the Native Churches. They are all members of the bodies existing in the fields they occupy, and on an equality with the Native Ministers, with some limitations as regards the power and exercise of discipline, however, in Japan. In view of the benefits resulting from such intimate association, the influence they are able to exert and the help they afford in training the Native brethren in the administration of ecclesiastical affairs, they would no doubt be reluctant to withdraw at once from such relations.

On the other hand, they are also members of the appropriate bodies in the Church at home. Both they and the Church would doubtless consider the propriety of severing this relation as open to very grave question, so long, at all events, as they are supported by the Home Church and its Board of Missions. We are perfectly ready to admit that this dual relation is anomalous and, from the necessities of the case, must be temporary. We are not therefore prepared to admit that is inadmissible or unjustifiable, and we submit the question whether it is necessary to force a conclusion at once. The Native Churches, whenever organized, must still be, for a longer or shorter period, under pupilage to the Churches and Missionaries to whose instrumentality, under God, they owe their existence. May there not, then, be found a practical place and justification for a condition of things which all would acknowledge to be inconsistent, theoretically, with the idea of an independent, self-supporting, self-governing Church? When such a Church is made real, in any country, doubtless this question will have been decided by the logic of events. May it not be safely left to that decision, and to the Godly wisdom and discretion of the brethren in the field?

6. *Of Conferences with Other Boards and Churches.*—The statement of the sixth Point or Article, seems to leave it in doubt whether public Conferences be referred to, on Missionary subjects, in which representatives of all Missionary Boards or Societies may be brought together, and topics of common interest presented and discussed, or rather to more private Conference and correspondence, whether regular and formal or informal and occasional, with such Societies and Boards. In either view, this Board deem such friendly Conference not only expedient but most important and desirable; promising good results at once, and laying foundation for the larger hope, of practical union and co-operation among all Missionary Boards and Societies of our Protestant Christianity, to which union and co-operation among the Reformed Churches, we hope, may prove a stepping stone.

The success and practical value of such public Conferences as those held in Liverpool in 1860, at Mildmay Park, London, in 1878, and of the Inter-Seminary Missionary Alliance of the United States, held annually for the last five years, are beyond question; as, also, of similar Conferences in Mission fields, at Shanghai, in 1877, Calcutta in 1882, and Osaka, in 1883.

It is within our knowledge and experience that private Conference, of the kind referred to above, has resulted in benefits sometimes the greatest when least expected.

In conclusion; Dear Brethren, we would implore for your Committee, as well as for the ultimate deliberations of the General Council on matters of such grave importance, the very special guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of counsel, of wisdom and of understanding, and we remain, in the Bonds of the Lord Jesus and His service,

On behalf of the Board,

Yours very sincerely,

[Signed]

C. L. WELLS,
JOHN M. FERRIS,
HENRY N. COBB.

Approved and ordered to be forwarded;

NEW YORK, February 10, 1886.

WM. H. STEELE,
President.

HENRY N. COBB,
Corresponding Secretary.

REPORTS OF THE MISSIONS.

THE AMOY MISSION, CHINA.

ORGANIZED IN 1884.

The Mission occupies the following cities: Amoy, population 200,000; Chioh-be 60,000; Chiang-Chiu, 100,000; and Tong-an, 60,000. The territory assigned to the Mission, being about 80 miles from East to West, and 50 miles from North to South, has a population of more than three millions of souls, including that of the cities already mentioned.

Missionaries.—Revs. J. V. N. Talmage, D.D., Daniel Rapalje, L. W. Kip, D.D., A. S. Van Dyck, and P. W. Pitcher.

Assistant Missionaries.—Mrs. Talmage, Mrs. Kip, Mrs. Pitcher, Miss C. M. Talmage, Miss M. E. Talmage. *In this country*.—Mrs. Rapalje.

Native Pastors.—Revs. Ung Ho-Seng, of the 1st Church, Amoy; Iap Han-Chiong, of the Church at Sio-ke; Chhoa Thian-Khit, of the Church at Chiang-Chiu; and Ti-Peng, of the 2d Church at Amoy.

Licentiates.—2. Li Ki che, Ng Chhia.

Native Preachers.—17.

Regular Preaching Places.—18, and one ("The Douglass Memorial Church," on Kolongsu), shared by the two Missions.

Theological School.—1, with 7 students.

Middle School.—1, under the care of both Missions. Pupils connected with our churches, 11.

Woman's School.—1; attendance variable.

Girls' School.—1, with 30 pupils.

Parochial Schools.—4, with 61 pupils.

Christian Teachers.—4. Of these, 3 are also students in the Theological School.

In the following Tabular Statement we give as usual the "Totals" of the Mission of the English Presbyterian Church, making a summary for the whole Tai-hoey, or Classis:

TABULAR STATEMENT OF THE AMOY MISSION FOR 1885.

CHURCHES.	Membership at beginning of last Year.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Died.	Excommunicated.	Membership at close of Year.	Suspended.	Infants Baptized.	Adults.	Total Contributions.
First Amoy	97	4	4	6	6	3	90	4	10	3	\$412 46
Second Amoy	134	13	6	4	3	..	146	3	13	4	473 23
Chioh-be (a)	70	3	3	2	2	..	72	8	1	1	151 27
O-Kang (b)	93	4	..	1	1	..	96	5	3	4	143 89
Hong-San (c)	60	1	1	1	3	..	58	..	..	1	120 72
Chiang-Chiu (d)	125	14	3	3	4	1	134	9	6	14	352 10
Tong-An (e)	38	3	2	..	1	..	42	4	3	3	75 40
Sio-ke (f)	125	23	..	..	2	..	146	5	2	23	378 30
Total	742	65	19	17	22	4	784	38	38	52	\$2,107 37
Native Hak-ka Missions ..	12	1	..	..	1	..	12	1	..	1	6 17
Chs. under Eng. Pres. Miss.	759	46	16	9	25	15	773	54	35	41	1,524 75
Total Tai-hoey	1513	112	35	26	48	19	1569	93	73	94	\$3,638 29

(a.) Has one out-station; *Ki-nih*.

(b.) Composed of two congregations; *Kang-tau* and *Kio-Tau*.

(c.) Composed of two congregations; *Te-soa* and *Ang-tung-tau*.

(d.) Has two out-stations; *Thian-po* and *Soa-sia*.

(e.) Has one out-station; *Poa-tau*.

(f.) Has four out-stations; *Lam-sin*, *Pou-a*, *Po-a-hi* and *Toa-ke*.

Dr. Kip writes, on behalf of the Mission :

Dr. and Mrs. Talmage were absent for some months on a visit to Australia, by which Dr. Talmage's health was materially benefited. Mr. Van Dyck, also, found a short trip to Foo-chow and Swatow beneficial. Mr. and Mrs. Pitcher joined the Mission October 27th, and Mr. Rapalje, December 22d. It is many years since the Mission has been so well manned, and we hope that this increase of force may be blessed to the further spread of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

The late pastor of Chioh-be, Tiong-lu-li, who was suspended from the Ministry, has given evidence of repentance, and reform, and we are at present employing him as one of our preachers.

The Spring meeting of Tai-hoey having just closed, being held this year more than a month earlier than usual, we are enabled to give the statistics presented to that body, as we hope to do in future. The figures are suggestive and instructive, but some more particular account may be desirable.

The First Church of Amoy, which is the oldest, has been enjoying, since last April, the ministrations of the new pastor, whose predecessor accepted a call from the Chiang-chiu church. Four were received into the church, but, owing to an unusual number of deaths and dismissals, the total membership is reduced.

The Second Church has, however, gained in numbers, and it is a gratifying fact that, of the thirteen received on confession, nine were children of the church, and had been baptized in infancy. The pastors of both churches are most worthy, excellent, and earnest men. The week of prayer, as observed in the Amoy churches, was, in comparison with former years, wonderful for numbers and earnestness in prayer, and great hopes were entertained in connection therewith. One practical outcome was a weekly meeting at the churches in rotation. A short prayer meeting is held, and then the company scatters for preaching in the streets, a few remaining to talk to the crowd that has gathered in the chapel. While this has benefited those engaged in this work, we have not yet learned of any resulting conversions, but we do not doubt that such will be yet found.

In connection with these Amoy churches may be mentioned the services in the Douglas Chapel on Kolong-Soo, cared for alternately by the English Pres. Mission and our own. This is intended for the pupils, and others residing on the island, and is very well attended, except during vacations. It may be considered a branch of the Amoy and E-mung-Kang churches, to which a number of the hearers belong, and whose administration of the Lord's Supper they attend,

Turning now to the churches to the north of Amoy, we may say that we much regretted that their members could not enjoy the benefits of the week of prayer-meetings. We should have had perhaps, in such a case, a more encouraging report to give of the O-Kang, Hong San and Tong-An churches.

The O-Kang Church, composed of congregations meeting at *Kang-tau* and *Kio-tau* on Amoy Island, has not made the progress we desire. We

may be thankful that there is an increase, though it is small. Exhortations to increased giving, with a view to calling a pastor, have been unproductive, as their receipts are about the same from year to year. There has been trouble at Kang-tau, in trying to utilize a piece of land purchased in order to erect a chapel. Opposition followed, and the matter is not yet settled.

The Hong-san Church comprises the congregation of *Te-soa* and *Ang-tung-tau*. The surroundings are unusually bad. The region is noted for the frequency of its village feuds, from which it is often difficult for Christians to keep aloof, and by reason of which they are sometimes hindered from attending church. There are, besides heathen oppressors, a number of Roman Catholics. They have involved some of the *Te-soa* brethren in trouble by means of lying accusations, in which they can certainly equal the heathen, from whom indeed they differ but little in character. Such a region calls for more earnest work and prayer, and reliance on divine aid. It is to be feared that the preachers in charge have not been equal to such demands, and the church certainly is not prospering.

The Tong-an Church may be considered a little more hopeful. Its membership has increased, though but slightly, an advance, however, since the previous year there was none at all. Still there is much to be desired. One of the members is connected with the mandarin's establishment. We fear that his influence is bad, while, though suspecting it, we can get no proof of his wrong-doing. It is very possible that the brethren are afraid of him, fearful of his power, from his semi-official position, to hurt them if they testify or work against him.

Pou-tau, the other station connected with the Tong-an church, is about 20 miles to the north, so that the connection is only nominal, as no real oversight can be exercised. It is situated in a beautiful valley, whose inhabitants are like the idolatrous Athenians, "very religious." The little company of believers has not increased during the year. The preacher was unfaithful to his duties. He fell into the temptation, to which preachers here are exposed, of going into the business of selling medicine. It is true the shop was nominally his son's. But this lad could not manage it, and so his father was really in charge. This process of combining money-making with the preaching of the Gospel could not but have a bad effect both on believers and heathen. We may add that it was our first thought to discharge him, but he seemed to manifest such genuine repentance, that we propose to give him another trial, but in another, and distant place.

We cannot close this slight review of our work to the north without expressing the hope that another year's report may be able to speak of better things.

Turning to the west, we first come to the *Church of Chioh-be*, our oldest outside of Amoy. It embraces also the out-station of *Ki-nih*, but this has so dwindled that there is talk of giving it up. It will be remembered how this church lost its pastor, who was suspended from his office. The church has been for the past year mainly in care of one of

our best preachers. They have been successful in raising a large part of his salary, hoping thus to get in the way of giving enough to again call a pastor. We hope they will go on and do still better.

The Church of Chiang-Chiu, twelve miles further up the river, is under the pastoral care of Rev. Mr. Chhou. His charge includes also *T'ian-po* and *Sou-sia* respectively, about eight and twenty miles from Chiang-Chiu. Both places can be reached by boat. The number received on confession is less than in the year previous, but we are thankful that fourteen have been brought into the fold. There is a preacher at each of the out-stations. The further one, *Soa-sia*, is perhaps the more difficult to work. There is a trouble similar to that of *Te-soa*, viz: Roman Catholics, in a village just across the river. They, of course, try to draw away disciples, and are quite ready to welcome any that are suspended or excommunicated. But the preacher there appears earnest and energetic, and with the Lord's blessing we will see progress.

The remaining places are embraced in the *Sio-ke Church*. Rev. Mr. Iap is the pastor, and the parsonage adjoins the church at *Sio-ke*. The other places are *Po-a*, *Pou-a* and *Lam-sin*. To these might be added *Tou-ke*, which is thirty miles distant, while the others may be reached in three or four hours. The divine blessing seems to have attended the labors of Mr. Iap, for twenty-three have been baptized, which is more than in the previous year. Perhaps also, three men lately received at *Toa-ke* might also be reckoned in the gains of the year. Still there is cause for sorrow, for the preacher at *Lam-sin* has gone astray, and seems completely in the snare of the Evil One. There is, too, much lack of scriptural knowledge, here as everywhere, because so few can read well. The written language is a great obstacle to the Gospel. And yet they have been taught from childhood to revere it, and are inclined to despise the easily-acquired colloquial as fit only for women and children. May this prejudice be soon overcome.

In the matter of contributions there has been a slight advance. The previous year was a leap-year, with thirteen months, and the receipts should be larger than in a twelve-month year. Taking this into consideration, every church, with one exception, has equalled, and indeed must have exceeded the previous record. And the apparent exception—*Sio-ke*—is not real, for this report shows only the average income, while the previous one included a sum that was raised for church-building.

The Hak-Ka Mission.—The native church still continues to manifest interest in their Hak-ka mission, and of the sum total noted above, about \$150 were contributed to the Tai-hoey's Board of Missions. The little church of twelve members occupied a new chapel at the beginning of the year. The man who erected it, in accordance with the agreement, has given a year's notice that he wants the building returned to him. So the Board has resolved to build a chapel, and call on the church for an extra effort to provide the funds.

We have much to be thankful for in that Dr. and Mrs. Talmage were able to make that Australian trip, the winter weather proving so bracing and healthful to Dr. Talmage. It was, moreover, principally in our

warm summer season, when we refrain on principle from exhausting country work, leaving all long trips to the native pastors, who are not afraid of the sun. We have reason, also, to be thankful for reinforcements, and feel happy to think that more time and strength may be given to country work without detriment to that at Amoy.

The year was also memorable for the first delegation from the Amoy to the Swatow Tai-hoey. One of the native pastors with the writer were sent on this pleasant errand. We hope the time is coming when these two bodies will be brought yet closer together.

Work for Women.—The ladies of the Mission have been blessed with health and enabled to do a good work among the women and girls. Mrs. Talmage and Mrs. Kip have, as hitherto, held meetings with the women of the Amoy Churches. Our Mission is responsible for holding worship with the hospital patients on Fridays, and Mrs. Kip goes over to talk to the female patients, and afterwards to a meeting of women at the North Gate. Mrs. Talmage is in charge of the Women's Institute, where country women are gathered to be taught as much as may be in a few months or so. Since it was opened eighteen women have been received to instruction. The largest number at any one time was seven. All learned to read the Colloquial, and two have been chosen and sent out as Bible Women. (The Woman's Board have decided to call this Institute "The Charlotte W. Duryee Home," in memory of their late Corresponding Secretary.)

The Girls' School is under the care of Miss M. E. Talmage, assisted somewhat by the other ladies. During the year thirty girls have been connected with the school, the average attendance being twenty-seven. Everything has given satisfaction, and not the least item for thankfulness is that eight of the girls professed their faith in Christ.

Miss C. M. Talmage, besides helping in the Woman's Institute and hospital work and visiting families, has made a number of visits to country stations. Such visits are very profitable to the country women, and are much prized by them, for the poor things have few advantages.

In bringing this report to a close we cannot but be filled with wonder and thankfulness. Wonder, that God should use us in such a work, and bear with us so long. Thankfulness, that amid all discouragements and failures, we have so many proofs of the Divine goodness, so that we feel that our labor is not altogether in vain. And let us hope and pray that this year, on which we have entered, may, by the Divine blessing, be far more fruitful than any which have gone before it. And to Him we will give all the praise.

THE ARCOT MISSION, INDIA.

ORGANIZED IN 1854.

The Mission occupies:

The North Arcot District.—Area, 5,017 square miles; population, 1,787,134 by last census.*The South Arcot District.*—Area, 4,076 square miles; population, 1,261,846.

The force engaged consists of—

Missionaries.—Revs. J. W. Scudder, M.D., *Vellore*; Wm. W. Scudder, D.D., *Madanapalle*; John Scudder, M.D., *Tindivanam*; John W. Conklin and L. Hekhuis, M.D., *Arcot*; E. C. Scudder, Jr., *Arni*. *In this country*, Rev. J. Chamberlain, M.D., D.D., and Rev. J. H. Wyckoff.*Assistant Missionaries.* Mrs. J. W. Scudder, Mrs. Wm. W. Scudder, Mrs. John W. Conklin, Mrs. John Scudder, Miss J. C. Scudder, and Miss M. K. Scudder. *In this country*, Mrs. Chamberlain and Mrs. Wyckoff.*Native Pastors.*—Revs. Andrew Sawyer, *Chittoor*; Moses Nathaniel, *Arcot*; Abraham William, *Kattupadi*; Paul Bailey, *Orattur*.*Native Helpers.*—Catechists, 21; Assistant Catechists, 14; Masters in Anglo-Ver-nacular Schools, 30; Readers and Schoolmasters, 34; Teachers, 21; Schoolmistresses, 24; Colporteurs, 7; Female Bible Readers, 11. Total, 162.

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1885.

STATIONS AND OUT-STATIONS.	Out-Station.	Families.	Communicants in 1884.	Communicants in 1885.	Baptized Adults not Com-municants.	Baptized Children.	Catechumens.	Children of Catechumens.	Number of Schools.	Scholars.	Total Congregations in 1884.	Total Congregations in 1885.	Contributions of Congre-gations.
ARCOT	2	38	45	45	15	36	16	17	2	57	126	129	R. A. P
Yehamur	6	141	56	59	127	143	127	128	6	150	581	584	61 11
ARNI	2	25	29	38	11	56	2	2	2	162	60	115	37 10
Alliendal	5	23	40	29	6	34	6	12	2	28	124	87	110 3 9
Gnanodiam	6	67	70	77	24	104	50	50	6	57	273	304	10 11 11
Marutuvambadi	1	20	24	23	12	45	4	5	1	23	87	91	43 7 5
Vellambi	3	27	37	41	3	40	9	6	4	70	100	105	20 5
CHITTOOR		34	64	76	24	123	1	4		132	172	205	241 1
Kottapalli	10	73	81	79	54	69	65	44	10	152	297	275	40 2
COONOR		59	97	97	21	105	1	3	2	110	214	227	139 15 6
MADANAPALLE	7	113	62	74	44	101	109	69	5	194	598	597	274 15 4
PALMANAIR		7	10	6	2	5	3	1		16	35	19	34 12 4
TINDIVANAM		16	28	28	4	58	3	3	3	15	107	91	78 14 5
Orattur	3	70	94	94	13	77	47	52	3	59	276	288	37 11 2
Vellaripattu	4	53	67	62	1	75	39	42	3	35	210	199	24 12 2
Narasingauur	2	43	58	67	1	62	16	17	3	63	149	163	33 11 1
Kolapakam	2	50	61	55	30	72	20	17	4	81	190	194	34 2 6
Varikkal	3	39	34	40	15	50	26	30	3	52	152	161	24 8 4
Sattambadi	6	72	93	104	12	107	29	45	7	73	323	297	58 10 10
VELLORE	1	74	112	128	24	114	6	15	6	317	283	287	290 10 11
Kattupadi	9	132	190	169	16	171	65	63	9	150	515	484	121 2 6
Kandipattur	5	106	120	116	4	117	75	87	5	102	387	399	32 11
Sekadu	3	91	104	103	7	85	50	70	2	49	317	321	21 8 4
Total	84	1373	1580	1610	470	1849	778	777	96	2313	5376	5437	1783 9 8

Stations in small capitals; Out-stations and Churches in Roman.
The Rupee is equal to 42½ cents nearly.

The Mission send the following report, prepared by Rev. W. W. Scudder, D.D. :

Another year of Mission labor has come to a close. As we review its history we are cheered with the consciousness that the Lord has been graciously with us. In our report of the previous year we were obliged to record a net loss of forty-five communicants and twenty adherents. This year we are permitted to report a net increase of thirty communicants and of sixty-one adherents. These results are not as large as we wish. The numbers are small. They are, however, cheering as an indication that the tide has ceased to ebb and is again flowing. The outlook upon the new year is decidedly encouraging. All our stations excepting one are well manned. All our departments of labor are in good working order. We need only the Divine blessing to make the new year one of the most successful in the history of the Mission.

God has blessed us as Missionaries. Sickness has entered our dwellings, it is true, and some of our number have been seriously ill. The close of the year, however, finds us in good health, and girded with strength for the service which invites us hopefully onward. Two of our number, Rev. Dr. Chamberlain and Rev. J. H. Wyckoff, are in America recruiting their strength and doing what lies in their power to awaken in our home churches a deeper interest in our Missionary work. We trust the day is not far distant when we shall be permitted to welcome them back to our Mission circle and to the work which lies nearest their hearts.

Our agents also have shared in the Divine blessing. Just at the close of the year we were called upon to mourn the irreparable loss sustained by our Mission in the death of Mr. J. Nallatambi, Head Master of the Arcot Seminary and Instructor in Theology; but, with this exception, none of our native brethren have been removed by death, and almost all of them have labored faithfully and efficiently in the fields which have been assigned to them.

All the departments of our Mission work have during the past year been carried on diligently and successfully. This will appear by a perusal of the station reports in which the details of our work are given. We can here only glance at the chief departments of effort in which we engage.

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

"The words of our Lord, 'Preach the Gospel,' are recognized as the foundation stone of this Mission," and "we believe that Christ's commission, recorded by the Evangelists, enjoins as the definite plan of Missionary labor the promulgation of the Gospel among the population in their own tongues; the perseverance in the use of this means until individuals and communities are proselyted to the Christian faith; and the teachings of proselytes and their children." How far the Missions have been governed by this fundamental rule during the past year will be seen by the subjoined table.

STATIONS.	No. of places preached in.	No. of times preached.	No. of Audience.	Books, &c., distributed.	Reading Room Visitors.
Arcot.....	171	1,609	28,831	101	....
Arni.....	1,281	2,241	57,746	4,127	....
Chittoor.....	177	462	9,396	1,500	6,623
Madanapalle.....	292	1,420	31,693	653	9,120
Palmanair.....	69	212	3,281	....	....
Tindivanam.....	528	....	30,212	2,067	9,000
Vellore.....	766	4,845	88,744	....	13,048
Kattupadi.....	287	1,566	22,378	1,388	....
Total.....	3,571	12,355	272,281	9,836	37,791

This table shows that more than 300,000 souls have been reached during the past year in the streets and reading rooms by the Gospel Message, chiefly through the agency of our native assistants.

OUR SEMINARIES.

Our Institutions of learning are as follows :—

Arcot Seminary, at Arcot, numbering.....	76 pupils.
“ “ Primary Department at Arni.....	29 “
Female Seminary at Vellore.....	61 “
Madanapalle Boys' Boarding School.....	35 “
“ Girls' Boarding School.....	29 “
Preparandi School at Tindivanam.....	28 “

The purpose of these institutions is the training of native agents for Mission work. We have already a large number of men and women in the employment of this Mission, who were educated in these institutions, and a class of seven boys are to join them this year from the Arcot Seminary. These institutions are among the most important departments of our work. We cherish them with much care, and, as the circumstances of the Mission demand it, we are gradually pushing up the standard of education to higher grades.

Besides these institutions for the training of a native agency we have under our care :

An Anglo-Vernacular School at Tindivanam, numbering..	143 scholars.
“ “ “ Vayalpad, “ ..	83 “
“ “ “ Coonoor, “ ..	60 “
“ “ “ Chetpet, “ ..	62 “
Two Hindu Girls' Schools at Vellore, “ ..	193 “
One “ School Tindivanam, “ ..	44 “
One “ “ Madanapalle. “ ..	35 “
One “ “ Arni, “ ..	52 “
One “ “ Coonoor, “ ..	50 “

Also eighty-six village schools, established for the instruction of adults as well as of children, belonging to our village congregations.

Details in regard to all these schools will be found in the Station reports which follow.

HELPERS' EXAMINATION.

An examination of our native agents takes place annually on subjects previously assigned to them. The purpose of this examination is to stimulate them to diligent studiousness in Biblical literature and in other departments of learning having a direct bearing upon their work. The Examining Committee report as follows :

"On the 7th of October one hundred and three of our Helpers appeared for this examination at the several stations. This was an increase of eleven over last year. The Scripture portion for all classes was the book of Exodus, the questions being graded to suit the capabilities of each. Besides this, the first and second classes were examined in Theology on the "Temptation and Fall"; the third and fourth on the "Guru," which is the first portion of Dr. Henry Scudder's much prized "Bazar Book." As the book is not in Telugu, those ignorant of Tamil were given a part of "Spiritual Teaching."

The Committee were greatly encouraged by the general excellence of the papers. There has been a steady advance since the first trial in 1883. In the first class all passed. In the second class only two failed. Of the thirty-five in the third class but two failed. The fourth class made the poorest showing. Nineteen passed and twenty-four failed. Some of these men are very ignorant, and were employed when we were in extremities.

The subjects for the coming year are as follows : For all classes in Scripture, the books of Leviticus and Mark. For the first and second classes in Theology; "The Incarnation." For the third and fourth classes in Tamil the second part of the "Bazar Book"; in Telugu, 4th-7th chapters of "Spiritual Teaching."

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

We are happy to report that we are in a position once more to resume our Medical work. The Government have re-transferred the Arcot Dispensary to our Mission and we have placed it under the care of the Rev. L. Hekhuis, M. D., who will take charge of it from the first of February.

ARCOT.

Rev. L. Hekhuis, M. A., M. D., *Missionary*; Rev. Moses Nathaniel, *Native Pastor*; G. Paramanandan, F. Samuel, *Readers*.

At the Out Stations.—John Abraham, *Catechist*; Samuel Abraham, C. Aaron, *Assistant Catechists*; Elias Isaiah, Jonas Moses, S. V. Devabaranam, *Readers*; John Jacob, C. Solomon, *School Masters*; Elizabeth, Mary, *School Mistresses*.

Dr. Hekhuis writes : A summing up of the statistics at the close of this year shows an increase of only six persons over that of last year. Some have left the villages to seek employment elsewhere, while four were removed by death. The condition of the Churches at this Station has not changed much since writing our last report. The rains at the close of last year left the Mission buildings in all the villages in a very

dilapidated condition, and one church was almost entirely swept away by the floods, only a small part of the wall remaining. All these buildings had either to be repaired or rebuilt. To do this the respective congregations did all they could to help on the work either by contributions or by doing coolie work. In this way the buildings were soon as serviceable as ever. We regret to say, however, that the heavy rains of a few days ago again seriously damaged some of them. It is our aim to have each church keep its own building in repair, but this is often impossible, as the people are poor and have hard work to earn enough for food and clothing. The health of these congregations has been very good indeed, and only a few deaths have occurred. The attendance at the Sunday and week-day services has been better than last year, still there is room for improvement. While some seem anxious to advance in a true Christian life, others appear to be negligent and indifferent.

Native Assistants.—It is with pleasure that we can testify to the faithfulness of Helpers connected with this station. With one exception only they have done their work well and labored faithfully for the welfare of their respective congregations, preaching regularly every Sunday besides conducting a Sunday school. During week days their time was divided between the village schools and preaching to the heathen.

Evangelistic Work.—A great deal of time was spent in bringing the Gospel Message to the heathen. The Helpers go out several times a week either singly or two or three together. Whenever there is a feast in the neighborhood several of the Helpers go there to distribute tracts, etc. and to preach to the assembled multitude. Carefully kept statistics show that during the year the Gospel was proclaimed 1,609 times, in 171 different places and to an audience of 28,831 individuals. The results of this do not always manifest themselves immediately, while sometimes we are unable to follow up the advantages thus obtained. As an instance of this we mention two villages which were desirous of being placed under Christian instruction, when a lack of funds prevented us from pressing the matter.

Village Schools.—The educational work has been carried on as usual and with better success than last year. We have an increase of fifty-eight scholars on our rolls. The native pastor and myself have several times visited these schools and examined them in the various branches of study, as well as in the Catechism and Bible studies. Most of the scholars have done well, and reflect great credit upon themselves and their teachers.

Sunday Schools.—The attendance at the station Sunday school has not been quite as large as last year's, owing to the continued opposition of the Romanists in the place. Most of the children, however, have been very regular in their attendance and have shown a real interest in their studies. Great credit is due to the teachers for being constantly at their post and for their unremitting efforts to make the school attractive to the children. At the close of the year we had a Christmas tree for the children. A suitable present was given to each child, and a gift of a book to those who had been present more than forty times during the

year. The Europeans at the station kindly favored us with their presence, which greatly added to the occasion. It all passed off pleasantly, and afforded much pleasure to the children.

The village Sunday schools have been equally well attended, and will no doubt prove a lasting blessing to the young of our congregations. In March of this year we opened a Sunday school for caste boys in our Reading Room at Walajahpett. This was largely attended for several weeks,—about fifty boys attending every Sunday—when the parents began to object to having the Bible taught to their children. The spirit of opposition soon spread amongst the boys, who tore up the tracts given to them and scattered the pieces about the streets. We were thus compelled to stop the giving of tracts, whereupon most of the boys refused to come. After a while, however, they gradually came back, and now the school is in a flourishing condition. The giving of tracts has been resumed.

Reading Room.—The Reading Room at Walajahpett has been open every day during the year—Sundays excepted—and has had a larger number of readers than last year. Many of the high caste Hindus make constant use of it. In addition to the papers and magazines taken last year, a few more vernacular papers have been added, thus making it more useful to non-English readers.

Two native gentlemen and one Eurasian lady have kindly volunteered to send their papers there for the benefit of the public. The Reading Room, together with the Sunday school, is doing a good work in the place in preparing it for more evangelistic work. We would very much like to occupy this place as a Mission station, but the means are not at hand.

Medical Work.—No regular report can be submitted under this head. Only those who came to us at the bungalow or on our village tours have been treated. But our friends will be pleased to hear that the Mission and the Local Fund Board have come to an agreement, and that the Ranipett Dispensary is to be retransferred to the care of the Mission on the first of February, 1886.

REV. MOSES NATHANIEL'S REPORT.

There are two villages, namely, Maniamuttoo and Avarakara attached to the Arcot Church. The number of adherents is one hundred and twenty-nine, of whom forty-five are communicants.

During this year some families belonging to the Arcot Church were obliged to leave the place in search of employment and some were dismissed to other churches.

A woman of our church, who had led a very wicked life, repented of her folly and expressed a desire before the Consistory to become a Christian and lead a true Christian life. After a period of probation she was admitted as a church member. When she was a nominal Christian I often used to speak with her about our Saviour's mercy and pity upon poor sinners, and strongly impressed upon her mind that He who suffered punishment in the place of sinners is ready and willing to receive

sinner, although their sins may seem too great for human eyes. After hearing my words she felt the need of our Saviour, and made known to me her desire to join the church, and at the same time she also asked me to baptize her child. I told her that I could not take her to be a member of the church unless she promised to live according to the rules of the church and to come regularly to the church. Soon after she came to the Consistory, made a confession of her faith, promised to submit to the regulations of the church, and was admitted as a member; her child was also baptized.

A few days ago an old widow of our church died. Before her death I often paid visits to her deathbed. One day, after a short prayer with her, I asked her what was her hope; she answered me that she put all her trust in Jesus Christ only, and hoped to go to His heavenly mansion. She died in a peaceful and untroubled spirit after five days' illness.

Two persons belonging to other Missions have joined our church this year.

As usual the services are held on every Sabbath morning and a Sunday school in the afternoon. Many Hindoo and Mohamedan boys attend the Sunday school classes and are taught the Scripture lessons like Christian children. They gladly listen to the words of the Bible. Most of them can repeat by heart many texts, and are able to sing many Christian lyrics and hymns. Printed text cards and tracts are given to them on every Sunday.

According to the rules of the church, the Lord's Supper was administered four times this year.

The Pastor's Fund was somewhat unsatisfactorily paid in this year.

Yehamur Church.—There are five villages connected with this church, namely, Kumalantangal, Sagarakuppam, Melpadi, Veppaly and Bassur. The number of adherents connected with this church is five hundred and eighty-four, of whom fifty-nine are communicants. During the year I baptized two children and solemnized two marriages. The Lord's Supper was administered four times.

ARNI.

Rev. E. C. Scudder, Jr., *Missionary in Charge.*

Abraham Muni, *Catechist in Charge*; P. Nithian, *Catechist*; S. Francis, *Head Master Primary Department Arcot Seminary*; Cephas, *Second Master Primary Department Arcot Seminary*; Gnanamuthu, *Reader*; Gnanam, *Bible-woman*; Aroickam, *Sewing Mistress Hindu Girl's School.*

At the Out Stations.—Simon, H. P. Joseph. Joseph Paul, *Catechists*; Cornelius, Souriappen, Subu David, *Assistant Catechists*; Isaac Aaron, Daniel, Sathivasagan, Isaac Souriappen, Sadanandan, Tychicus, Po Isaac, Crispus, *Readers and Teachers*; Magdalene, Caroline, Antonia, Rachel, *School Mistresses*;

Mr. Scudder reports as follows,

It has been a year of new things for Arni; new sorrows and yet with them new joys; new losses and new gains; new trials but still new encouragements. When Dr. John Scudder took charge of this field in March 1883, things seemed rather disheartening. For years there had been no resident missionary, and those who had the station in charge had

far too much to do, and far too large fields to cover, to be able to visit all parts as often as is essential, or as often as they wished. From scarcity of Helpers several villages were without teachers, and several others might as well have been ! Consequently schools and congregations had been run down greatly.

But under Dr. John Scudder's able management all was changed—so that when charge was given over to me in April last, every place was manned and every agency for successful progress was in operation.

Many changes in the field will be noted. Dr. and Mrs. John Scudder have gone to Tindivanam. Their loss is severely felt by all. Heartiest good wishes follow them to their new field, and their labor of love in Arni is held in grateful and joyful remembrance.

A number of new names appear in the list of Helpers. In January last twelve young men were allowed to leave the Seminary, and several of them were sent to this station.

In January, also, the Primary Department of the Arcot Seminary was sent here from Vellore, and the teachers with their families, together with the twenty-nine school boys, made a welcome addition to the small congregation of the Arni Church. Work in the town itself has been going steadily forward. Sabbath services have been regularly conducted and well attended. Owing to the great distance of the church from the streets of the town, the Sabbath school has had little or no outside attendance, though occasionally a few passing heathens have dropped in to listen and see.

Two weekly prayer meetings have been held throughout the year.

A Reading Room has been opened in the Bazaar street. After months of vain effort to obtain a suitable place, owing to the prejudices of the people, a man was finally induced to lay aside his fears and, in consideration of double rent, allow his bazaar to be used for the purpose. Friends in America have kindly sent periodicals to be put in this room and the illustrated papers are especially most eagerly sought for. We thank all who have thus sent for their kindly interest.

Street preaching in the town and surrounding villages has been faithfully attended to, the catechist and others having proclaimed the Word in 240 places 484 times to 13,569 people, distributing 1,928 tracts and portions.

There has been but one accession from heathenism, a young man from Sevrur, who since his baptism has led an exemplary life. Two school boys whose parents are heathen were also baptized this year.

The School work has been interesting. A mixed school was started in the town in February and has done fairly well. There are more than fifty pupils now. The Hindu Girls' School shows improvement. Between fifty and sixty girls are on the roll and the average attendance for the year has been good. In July the Government Examinations were conducted by the Inspectress of schools, and twenty out of thirty girls presented passed the tests. The grant realized from the school was Rs. 109-8-0. On December 19th a prize distribution was made, and each girl who had passed the July examination received a gift, the rest of the

children getting little cards, fruit and sweetmeats. Invitations to be present on this occasion were issued to the parents of the girls and to some of the prominent officials and other gentlemen of the place. The District Munsif presided, and made an interesting speech in English. Other speeches in both English and Tamil followed, and reports were read. The attendance was large, the place not being sufficient to accommodate all who came.

Primary Department of Arcot Seminary.—The care of the boys in the Primary Department has been a great pleasure. Exceptionally good health has prevailed and the general conduct of the boys has been good. At the Government Examination on December 14th twenty-five were presented and all passed. Thirteen boys will probably be sent to the main department of the Seminary under Mr. Conklin.

The out-stations and villages have been visited four times during the year. The work on the whole is encouraging. There has been a gain in a number of places. In one group of three villages the loss is excessive. We trust it is but temporary. The reason is that it was thought best to exclude from the list some who were adherents but in bare name, until they should give some further evidences of interest in Christianity. A pleasing feature of the village work has been the charity given by the women. The system has been put into effect in every village, and though the sum is not very large (Rs. 29-10-10), still it is the proceeds from the sale of rice, ragi, &c., actually saved out of the daily portion of the family food. The money was given to the Pastor's fund.

There is a school in every village except Marakonam, and the pupils show some advance. The Chetpet Anglo-Vernacular School is doing well. The number of scholars is increasing from month to month and all receive systematic Bible instruction. A very creditable Scripture examination was sustained by all the pupils in December.

The Helpers have preached in the neighborhood of their respective villages. By this means 44,177 people in 1,757 places have been reached, and 2,199 tracts and portions left in the hands of the hearers.

We have every reason to be thankful for the measure of prosperity in this field. In several places there really seems a greater desire for Christianity for itself and not merely for the temporal benefits it may bring.

That the religion of Jesus Christ is having an effect on the district, and is becoming better and more favorably known, there is little reason to doubt. Several villages in this field might easily be induced to put themselves under Christian instruction. But how dare we induce without the means of supplying the possible, nay, the *probable* call?

CHITTOOR.

Rev. J. W. Conklin, M. A., *Missionary.*

Mrs. Conklin, *Assistant Missionary*

Rev. Andrew Sawyer, *Native Pastor*; Mr. J. Nallatambi, *Head Master of Arcot Seminary and Theological Instructor*; Mr. S. Daniel, *Master of Middle School Class*; C. Raghava Chari, *Master of 6th Standard Class*; A. Ranganatha Row, *Master of 5th Standard and Instructor in Telugu*; P. T. Sama Row, *Master of Normal School*; D. Streenivasa Row, *Head Master of Practising School*; T. Benjamin,

Second Master and Bible Teacher; Isaac, *Retired Catechist*; J. Pakyananthan, *Teacher and Reading Room Attendant*.

At the Out-Stations.—J. Raji, *Catechist*; Zechariah Appavoo, S. Isaiah, Johu Zechariah, *Assistant Catechists*; E. Bedford, *Reader and School Master*; S. Andrew, R. Nathaniel, *Teachers*; R. David, *Tract Colporteur*; R. Martha, S. Sarah, A. Rebecca, J. Arokium, Caroline, *School Mistresses*.

Mr. Conklin reports for this station :

Viewed as a whole, at the close of the year, the work connected with this station cannot be considered unsuccessful. Disease and death have greatly hindered that progress which can be marked by statistics, but we trust they have not been without good influence in other directions.

Fever, more prevalent than ever, has interrupted and retarded the work of teachers and taught in Chittoor and five of its villages. The results of Government Examinations are not all in, but the numbers presented were reduced by the absence of sick ones, and the fitness of many who appeared was diminished by long periods of illness during the year.

Offerings for Pastoral support decreased in the villages, because numbers of the wage-workers were for months laid aside by fever.

God has taken useful men and women from us by death and their places are unfilled. Yet the year's record compared with the last shows a small increase in communicants, adherents and school children, giving reason for gratitude.

THE ARCOT SEMINARY.

This title I apply to the Theological Department only, as it is distinct from the Middle School. The latter should be known as the "Arcot Middle School," until the raising of its standard gives it a right to the title of "High School" or "College."

It would be easy and pleasant to change the name "Arcot" for the same reason that our dear institution at home became "Rutger's" instead of "Queen's," viz., to commemorate a generous gift for her endowment. We plead earnestly for money for this training school. In Holland and America our Dutch ancestors have ever sturdily maintained the necessity of a highly educated Ministry. They have yielded to none in fidelity to this principle. Yet the standard of our highest mission school is two years below that necessary for *entrance to College*. Presbyterians, Congregationalists, Wesleyans, Baptists and Episcopalians are all in advance of us in this respect. We have to beg our highest teachers from them. Every step in advance costs money, and our institution can now barely make ends meet from the appropriation made to it. The endowment of a professorship here will not take forty thousand dollars. The interest of ten thousand (Rs. 25,000) will pay the salary of the highest Native instructor needed for many years to come.

The interest of six hundred dollars (Rupees 1,500) will provide a boy with board, clothing and books for his course. We appeal to those in India and America who believe in the power of sanctified learning to conquer error, to give us means to redeem our denominational birthright and to prepare men to take our places in the future. There have been seven students in the Theological class the past year. Mr. Nallatambi,

their principal instructor, whose death is referred to elsewhere, was unable to meet them for several weeks; and for months taught them from his bed. Some of them also were absent for considerable periods on account of illness. They went through the greatest part of Didactic Theology, about ten centuries of Church history, two books on Bible Exegesis, and were also instructed in Homiletics, Tests of Hinduism and Vedantism, Telugu and English.

They accompanied pastor Sawyer or a catechist once a week to preach in Chittoor and neighboring villages, and made several tours with me to more distant places. In the Sabbath school they have been very active and I trust have both imparted and received good. The Mission Examining Committee tested them in December and expressed satisfaction with the results of their year's work. They will continue their studies another year.

The Arcot Middle School contained fifty-four pupils at the opening of the year. Eight of these had to be sent home to regain their health and could not return for the examinations. Nearly all were disabled at times by fever. The results of the examinations are not all yet communicated but probably about two-thirds of the boys passed for promotion.

The faithfulness of teachers and pupils cannot be judged by these results. It has been impossible to carry on close and exact management owing to so much necessary absenteeism.

The Normal School.—This was removed from the Mission premises to the heart of the town in order, if possible, to obtain a larger Practising or Model School. But at first the caste boys could not be induced to attend, because of the Bible teaching. I therefore made that study optional, and sent to all the parents the Scripture selections which were to be taught, that they might examine them. As a result about half of them yielded and their children recited the 1st, 19th, 23d, 90th, and 103d Psalms, almost perfectly at the close of school.

Twelve students have taken the normal course. Of these, three had previously been teachers, six passed the Special Upper Primary Examination in December, and having been tested by the Inspector in teaching power and school management will receive Fifth Grade certificates. The maps made were very good and will be of great use and service to them when they have schools of their own. They will be sent to their work at the beginning of next year having previously received their theological training. Owing to a lack of funds, and to the removal of the Local Fund Tamil Normal School to Arcot, where we may take advantage of it, our Normal School will be discontinued after this year. It has been short-lived but has done a good work. Our men can be trained with less expense to us in the Local Fund School while still living under a missionary's care. I hope the time is not far distant when we may be able to organize a Normal School of a higher grade to train those who have graduated from the Middle School.

Boarding Department.—Seventy-three have been fed and clothed during the year. Most of them have also been nursed. Their conduct has been generally good and few punishments have been inflicted. They volun-

teered to get along with less clothing than ever before, in order that none need be dismissed because of lack of funds. They have given, by denying themselves a part of the meat allowed, Rs. 95-1-4 to the church and Bible Society.

Two have been admitted to full communion in the church. Several others applied but were advised to wait until next year.

Removal.—On account of the long continued and increasing prevalence of fever, it has been decided to remove the whole institution, with the missionary and his family, temporarily to Ranipet at the beginning of next year. That town has a good reputation for healthfulness, and we have obtained the kind permission of Government to occupy a building for the school, free of expense except for slight repairs.

We hope the change will be of great physical benefit. Correspondents will please address us at Arcot. Many of the patrons of the students have written during the year, and they have our hearty thanks. We hope letters will soon find their way to our new home.

Physical Training.—The Gymnasium has been used to some extent. As I had not sufficient funds to keep a teacher for more than a few months, and the trapeze and bars were not inviting to those boys who were weakened by fever, less has been done in this direction than I had hoped. I introduced football towards the close of the year, as an experiment, and it created more enthusiasm than anything before tried.

The boys proved that shoes were not needed for strong kicks, and because their feet were bare the danger usually attendant upon the game was entirely absent.

In Memoriam.—Death entered our School ranks this year, for the first time since we came to Chittoor.

Mr. NALLATAMBI was ill during more than half the year, but managed to meet his classes, except for a few weeks. He conducted his closing examination before the Mission Committee from his bed. With out a book he took his students through subject after subject, never at a loss. He had decided, because of failing health, to resign his position and go to his home in Tinnevely. He looked forward to that rest, and we trusted that he had years of it before him. But suddenly, on the 21st of December, the dropsy stopped his heart, and he entered into another rest. To our Seminary he has been a faithful servant as Head Master for eleven years, and we believe he has gone to hear the plaudit, "Well done," from the Great Head Master.

He was "mighty in the Scriptures," and his Tamil treatise on Theology is a most valuable compendium. The first book, almost universally asked for by our Native Assistants who take prizes in the Bible Examinations, is Mr. Nallatambi's Theology, but unfortunately it is now out of print. As teacher, writer and preacher, and as a conscientious and generous Christian, he will long be remembered by the Missionaries under whom he served, by the pupils whom he taught and cared for, and by many others in the Native Church of South India.

JACOB ZACCHEUS was one of the young men who finished his course in the Middle School last year and began this year to study for Matricu-

lation in the Government High School. His home was with our own school boys. Early in the year he was sent to his village and family because of severe illness, and a few days after came the news of his death. His loss is deeply felt by us all. He had a mind above the average, great application, and was an earnest Christian. I have not known a more beautiful character among our school boys.

Higher Education.—Two of our young men were entered as students in the Pre-Matriculation class of the Government High School at the opening of the term. One, mentioned above, was taken away by death. The other, Meshach Peter, was compelled by disease later in the year to go to his home and recruit. A third, John Yesurathinam, who was sent in place of Zaccheus, has attended regularly since he began, in March, and studied diligently. He, with Meshach and another who has passed Middle School, C. Thavamony, are to study next year in the Church of Scotland Mission High School at Vellore: This is a well-conducted Christian School, and we are glad to be able to take advantage of it. But instead of three, we ought to have at least a score pursuing this higher course, and we trust means will soon be furnished for this object.

The Graduates' Association held its second annual re-union at Vellore. As many of the members had to assemble there for Classis and Sangam Meetings, there was a large and earnest gathering. The orator, Catechist Joseph Paul, pleaded illness at the last moment, and though his alternate, Catechist John Abraham, had received no warning and was unprepared, he did his best to bridge the chasm, and was warmly applauded. Catechist P. Souri read a carefully-prepared and very interesting historical paper on the early years of the Seminary, and brought in necessarily much of the history of the Mission. He was a member of the first class graduated, that of '58. The roll of classes was then called, and representatives of many of them gave short and spicy addresses. Rev. Paul Bailey was chosen President for next year, and S. Treadwell orator, with Christian Samuel as his alternate. Appropriate resolutions with regard to the death of Mr. Nallatambi were passed, and it was decided to raise money for the erection of a memorial stone over his grave. In the evening a dinner, kindly furnished by the Missionary of the station, was discussed and adopted with great relish.

THE CHURCH OF CHITTOOR.

The report of pastor Sawyer contains particulars concerning the work and growth of this church. Attendance and interest have been greater than in any year since we came to the station. The Sunday school has been our special charge. From the report of the Secretary, read at the Anniversary Meeting in December, I take the following items: Whole number of attendances during the year, 4,784; average attendance, 119. All these have been in the regular classes. Besides these, 859 "transients" have been present and received instruction. More than 3,000 Bible verses have been committed to memory.

Teaching from Scripture pictures has been largely resorted to with excellent results. Most of the teachers were Seminary students, and I usually met with them two hours before the time of opening, when we spent half an hour in prayer and in talk about the teacher's work, after which they have gone out into the streets to gather pupils until school time.

They labored with great zeal and much success. At the Anniversary Meeting each teacher and scholar received a book as a memento. The gifts of the church, including those of the students, amount to Rs. 241-1-0.

ISAAC, an old Catechist, who was transferred with the work to the charge of our Mission, more than thirty years ago, entered into rest in the month of February. He had been too feeble to do active work for some years, but always seemed full of the grace of God, and was ready to depart. Two of my native assistants, Baghyam and E. Bedford were called to bury out of their sight beloved Christian wives, leaving motherless children.

Native Pastor's Report.—MRS. CONKLIN conducts prayers with the servants and people of the compound every morning.

Every Wednesday afternoon she also meets with the women of the church for prayer. All repeat Bible verses. Mrs. Sawyer explains the chapter read and some of the women lead in prayer.

Every Friday Mrs. Sawyer leads a prayer-meeting in Reedchary. A congregational prayer-meeting is held weekly from house to house.

The number of families in the congregation is thirty-four, containing two hundred and five persons. There are seventy-six communicants, eleven have been received this year on confession, and nine by certificates from other churches.

There have been seven deaths in the congregation and two marriages. We pray God day and night to make the wisdom of His truth to shine, that heathenism may be put away and the Chittoor congregation increased and blessed more and more.

ANDREW SAWYER.

The Church of Kottapalli.—REV. ANDREW SAWYER is the nominal pastor, but owing to age and weakness he has not been able to care for it, and I have taken his place. I have visited the villages three times and administered the Lord's Supper. Owing mainly to the illness of the native assistants, the work has not made progress. Indeed there has been a loss in all except the number of school children.

The Catechist of Kottapalli itself was very ill, lost two children by death, and had to be away more than half the year.

It is not strange, therefore, that the church suffered. When I made my last tour there was a more encouraging prospect, and I hope disease will not make so many ravages next year. The amount contributed to Pastor's Fund was Rs. 30-6.

Village Schools.—These have not flourished, and most of them were closed so long on account of fever that they were not eligible for grants

from Government. They are now working better again, and the numbers are increasing.

New Villages.—PARAMASATTU was occupied early in the year. A church and teacher's house have been built and there is now a school of seventeen children.

The new Christians have been much persecuted by their neighbors. They have been ostracized socially, their cattle poisoned, and threats of burning the church have been made. But if they endure they will be strengthened and the persecutors will weary after a while.

GOLLAMADUGU was abandoned more than three years ago as hopeless and the teacher removed. But the people have learned to value Christian privileges by being deprived of them, and have begged so earnestly that a new trial might be made that a teacher from Bommaisamudram has been conducting a school there most of the year. There are about twenty pupils, and the outlook is encouraging.

Preaching in Non-Christian Villages.—Illness of helpers has interfered much with this branch of work also. The Gospel has been preached by them in 177 villages, to audiences numbering 9,396. Accompanied by Rev. Abraham William and several of the Seminary students, I spent two days in this work, and found the people eager to listen and ask questions. We preached in six villages, and more than 300 people gave audience.

Book Depot and Reading Room.—There have been nearly 7,000 visitors to this room during the year. 1,853 books and tracts have been sold. The appearance of the papers, religious as well as secular, when ready to be filed show that they have been diligently read.

Free Distribution of Christian Literature.—Besides the sales in the Depot, a great many tracts and hand-bills have been given away. The Sunday school is a valuable medium for distribution. Most of the scholars can read, and they have been supplied with children's tracts nearly every Sunday. The influence of their reading must spread. The village helpers are all furnished with Christian reading matter, to leave with those to whom they have preached.

Industrial Training.—Two boys have been receiving instruction in making pottery with an English wheel, presented by A. J. Smart, Esq., our former Collector. A large quantity of earthenware has been made and most of it sold. The boys have made good progress.

It is not possible for our Christian boys to obtain trades by ordinary apprenticeship, because every trade is a caste, and is barred against outsiders. An Industrial School seems to be the only resource, and we have hopes that in the near future one may be opened in our Mission.

Though it may not be considered a direct evangelistic agency, yet it would bring boys under a Missionary's care, and, in time, make our churches better able to support their spiritual guides.

A Mission Girls' School.—It has long been our desire to open a Christian School for Hindu girls in Chittoor, but hitherto the money has not been forthcoming. We have received, however, from friends in America enough to carry it on for a year at least, and therefore made arrangements to open it early next year.

MADANAPALLE.

Rev. W. W. Scudder, D.D., *Missionary in Charge*. Mrs. W. W. Scudder, *in charge of the Boys' Boarding School*. Miss M. K. Scudder, *in charge of the Girls' Boarding School and the Hindu Girls' School*. P. Souri, John Souri, *Catechists*. James Haydayetallah, *Head Master of the Boys' Boarding School*; P. Timothy, *2d Master*; Elijah John, *3d Master*; Joseph John, *Head Master of the Girls' Boarding School*; Samuel Zachariah, *2d Master*; Papaya Sastri, *Telugu Munshi*; Esther Jula, Mary Teruvengalam, *School Mistresses*; Esther Sawyer, *Matron of Girls' Boarding School*; Rebecca Souri, Selvam Souri, Rebecca Hill, *Bible Readers*; Samuel Kanniah, *Colporteur of the American Bible Society*.

At the Out-Stations—J. Anthony Chinnaya, *Asst. Catechist*; Lazar Marian, Eleazar Anthony, Jonas Chinnappa, James Neal, Samuel Seth, Timothy Neal, Mark Zacheus, *Readers*; Marial Rayal, *Bible Reader supported by friends in England*.

Dr. W. W. Scudder reports for this station and Palmanair:

After an absence of nearly thirteen years from India, Mrs. Scudder and I returned to this country the latter part of last year and resumed our Missionary labors. By the action of the Mission I was placed in charge of the Madanapalle and Palmanair stations with the view of my occupancy continuing until the return of Dr. Chamberlain from America. On coming to this station, I was very much gratified and encouraged by the extent and prosperity of the work which presented itself, and it has been a pleasure to do what lay in my power to promote its interests. The work at this station has gone on prosperously during the past year. The native Agents have been faithful and zealous in the discharge of their duties. The schools have been under efficient superintendence and instruction and the church is in a healthful state. Disappointments and discouragements have not been lacking. There has been the ordinary "mingling of lights and shadows." Yet we have reason to be thankful for the divine favor which has attended the labors put forth.

Madanapalle Church.—During the past year nine persons were received on confession of their faith, and four by certificate; two communicants were dismissed and one died. The net gain therefore was ten. One adult and eight infants were baptized, and five marriages were solemnized. The station congregation numbers one hundred and forty-seven. There are seventy-four communicants, fifty-one of whom belong to the station and twenty-three in the village congregations. The number of communicants reported for 1883 and 1884 was eighty—six more than reported for 1885. This needs correcting. By some mistake, twenty-three baptized adults, not communicants, belonging to Nalcheruvupalle and Timmareddipalle, were included among the communicants. These being excluded, the roll shows fifty-seven communicants for 1883 and 1884. Instead, therefore, of a loss of six communicants, there has been a net gain of seventeen during the past three years. There has been one case of discipline on account of open and gross immorality.

Two Sabbath services and two weekly prayer meetings have been maintained throughout the year and have been well attended. A Sunday school is conducted every Sabbath before the afternoon service and the International Series of Lessons have been taught. We look upon this school as one of our most important departments of work.

We have, during the past year, opened two Sunday schools for Hindu lads : one in Vayalpad and the other in the Madanapalle Free Reading Room. The former is under the care of Lazar Marian and has an attendance of sixty. The latter is under the care of James Haydayetellah and numbers thirty-five. It is a labor of love on the part of these native brethren, and we trust that their Christian efforts may be crowned with great success. It is an interesting and cheering fact that so large a number of Hindu lads are willing to come from Sabbath to Sabbath to study the Word of God.

The church has for some months employed one of its members in evangelistic work. The person so employed is Abraham, the convert from Mahomedanism. He has manifested a good deal of zeal in making known the truth and firmness in its defence, and we trust that much good may follow his labors.

The contributions for benevolent purposes are Rs. 231-1-11.

One of the persons who joined the church on confession of their faith presents a case of interest to which I call brief attention. He is a young man of the Balgy caste, and connected with some of the most respectable people in Madanapalle. He came to this place from Cuddapah a number of years ago with his uncle, who is a pleader in the Courts. He attended for a while the Government school and obtained a good plain education. After a while he secured a position in the civil dispensary as a compounder of medicines, and still continues in that employment. When he first entered upon this situation he was brought under influences which made him a thorough atheist and a bitter opposer of the Christian religion. He, however, came into daily contact with our Christians, and gradually his prejudices began to yield, and he listened with increasing interest to the claims of Christianity as set forth by them. The result is that for more than a year his heart has been drawn powerfully to the loving Saviour. Some time ago he secretly broke his caste by eating in the house of one of our Christians ; subsequently he took food openly in the house of a catechist and proclaimed his purpose to join the Christian religion. There was of course a good deal of stir and excitement among his own caste people. They used their utmost powers to dissuade him from bringing upon them the disgrace which would attend the baptism of one of their number. Great pressure was brought to bear upon him from various quarters to prevent him from joining us. I am happy to say that the young man withstood all these assaults, and in reply to all their efforts expressed his determination never to give up his Saviour. He does not hesitate to confess Christ boldly in the presence of his friends, and to urge them to accept the Saviour who has become so precious to himself. He has made great personal sacrifices in joining the Christian religion, and I commend him to the sympathy and prayers of God's people.

Boys' Boarding School.—Mrs. Scudder, who has charge of this school, writes as follows :

The number of boarders in the Boys' School at the close of the year was twenty-three, while three have left on account of illness or removal

from the place. The number of day-scholars is twelve, somewhat less than last year, since some of the heathen boys attend a nearer Government school in the town.

The school has been efficiently taught, and many of the boys have made excellent progress.

The Government Examination for this year will not take place until the 7th of January, and therefore the result cannot be given in this year's report. From the Government grant of last year, however, which amounted to Rs. 151-12-0, we see that good progress was made by the scholars; and we trust the result for this year will be equally satisfactory.

Early in the year, on account of the prevalence of small-pox, there was much sickness in the school, but now we are happy to report the health of the scholars very good. Their deportment also for the year has been satisfactory. Two of the older boys united with the church in July, and they are exerting a good influence over the other boys. One of these boys has kept up a short service of half an hour each Sabbath, with the design of drawing in those who will not attend church, but who are attracted by the sight of the bright-colored Bible pictures, which he explains in a pleasing manner, keeping their fixed attention and closing with a prayer. Thus in this humble effort to do good, both the teacher and the taught are mutually benefited, and we trust good seed is sown, which may spring up and bear fruit.

Girls' Boarding School.—Miss Scudder, who has charge of this school, writes as follows:

The girls in the Boarding School have had much to contend with the past year. First, the varioloid attacked one after another of our younger pupils. We are thankful that in every instance the disease was of a mild form. Then one of our principal teachers was ill and absent for some time in the hospital here and in Madras.

But the saddest affliction was the loss of the faithful Matron who has had charge of the girls from the beginning of the institution. She served her Master earnestly and lovingly as she acted a mother's part to those under her care. At our women's weekly prayer meeting we saw the first approach of the paralysis which ended her life three months later. At the close of the service, she with a smile expressed her inability to rise, and she never again walked freely until called up higher. Her loss is a great one.

Our total number of scholars at the close of the year is the same as last, *viz.* twenty-nine; for although new names have been added, as many have left us from time to time during the year. The boarding pupils, however, are sixteen against ten of the preceding year. Four of our brightest girls have married since last January, three of them making fit help-meets, as we trust, to as many of our young native helpers. We were loth to part with them but it seemed best.

The closing of the year has brought gladness to our hearts, as four of our girls came forward to take the vows of our Lord upon them. The Bible is taught daily (Saturdays excepted) in the school. The sum of

Rs. 121-2-0 was awarded by Government grant for the last Examination.

Hindu Girls' School.—This school, too, Miss Scudder writes, has passed through vicissitudes the past year that caused us much anxiety at the time, but have, as we trust, ended in encouragement. After searching long and fruitlessly for suitable rooms for the increased number of pupils we at last secured most admirable ones. Soon after, however, we lost the head master, who had proved utterly unfit for the position, and for six weeks we were without one. We have now secured a Brahmin, who thus far seems well qualified, and is improving the school both in average attendance and studies.

Female education is not regarded as favorably here as farther south, and we feel encouraged when even twenty-seven scholars are found busily at work and thirty-five names on the roll. The Catechism is taught daily by our Christian Esther, and we hope the seed thus sown may some day bear fruit.

The Anglo-Vernacular School of Vayalpad has fallen off a little in numbers during the past year. It closed the previous year with one hundred names on its roll. It closes 1885 with eighty-three scholars, of whom ten are girls. A number of boys left the School because there was no Sixth Standard class, and others because they were not able to pay the required fees. We expect to introduce the Sixth Standard this year. The teachers have been faithful in the discharge of their duties, and we think the scholars will do credit to themselves at the approaching examination. The Bible is taught one hour daily in each class by a Christian teacher, and Catechist P. Souri examines the scholars from time to time. The amount of Government grant realized last year was Rs. 195-8-0.

The Free Reading Room in Madanapalle continues to be a useful factor in our work. It is pretty well furnished with newspapers and books, and is open to the public every afternoon and evening of the week. Twice a week evangelistic services are held in the room and are well attended. Over 5,000 persons heard the Gospel at these services last year. The number of visitors for 1885 was 9,126.

Evangelistic Work.—The oral proclamation of the Gospel has been continued at the central and out-stations. The statistics kept by our native agents show that during 1885 the Gospel was preached 1,420 times in 292 places to audiences numbering 26,746. The Bible women have continued their labors, visiting the villages and houses, reading the Scriptures to their native sisters, and telling them of the saving love of Christ. They thus reached 4,947 women with the message of mercy.

The Bible Colporteur visited 312 towns and villages, and sold 623 Scripture portions, realizing Rs. 26-10-6.

OUT-STATIONS.

There is very little to report in regard to the out-stations. They continue in about the same state they were in at the close of 1884. While visiting them I have examined the adherents as respects their Christian knowledge, and have been much pleased with the degree of proficiency

attained in some of the congregations. We have reason to hope that under the instruction of the native agents they will continue to grow in the knowledge of Christ. A discouraging feature of this work is the fact that the people seem to take but little interest in the education of their children. There was not a school among them when I took charge of the station. By a good deal of effort a small school has been established at Obelreddipalle; and I hope I may be able this year to open schools in some of the other congregations. In the vicinity of Angallu, fifteen families, numbering sixty-three souls, have during the past year placed themselves under our care, giving us their pledge to renounce heathenism and walk as Christians. I have not included these in the statistics, thinking that it is well to test them a little longer before recording them as Christians.

We are indebted to the Young Ladies' Mission Band of the First Congregation Church, in Glastonbury, Conn., for a beautiful church bell sent as a token of esteem for a former member of that Band. We tender them our hearty thanks for this liberal and very useful present.

PALMANAIR.

Rev. W. W. Scudder, D.D., *Missionary in Charge*; P. Moses, *Catechist*; Moses Abel, *Teacher*; Ruth Abel, *School Mistress*.

There is nothing of interest to report in regard to this station. The Catechist and Teacher have both suffered from frequent attacks of fever, and have not been able to do as much work as men in full health. Of the ten communicants reported last year, four were dismissed and six remain. Two services have been maintained in the church each Sabbath; the Lord's Supper has been administered twice; and the Gospel has been preached by the Catechist 212 times in 69 places to 3,281 persons. The person spoken of in the last report as suspended for gross immorality has lately shown signs of repentance. He has promised before God to abandon his wickedness and to thoroughly reform his ways. We sincerely hope he may be aided by the Divine Spirit to keep his vows, and to henceforth live a pure life.

The Station school closes the year with sixteen names on the roll. The teacher has been faithful and diligent in the discharge of his duties.

The contributions made to benevolent purposes amounted to Rupees 37-6-7.

TINDIVANAM.

Rev. John Scudder, M.D., *Missionary*; Mrs. John Scudder, *Assistant Missionary*; S. A. Sebastian, *Catechist and Head Master, Anglo-Vernacular School*; Samson Samuel, Lazarus A. Christian, *Assistant Catechists and Scripture Teachers*; Joseph Paul, *Reader and Teacher in Hindu Girls' School*; D. Absalom, *Reader and Teacher in Feeder School*; Rukkumani Ammal, *Sewing Mistress*; Non-Christian School-Masters, Boys' School 7, Girls' School 1; A. Mathalamuthu, *Colporteur of Madras Bible Society*; C. R. Chinnappen, *Colporteur of Tract Society*.

At the Out-Station.—Rev. Paul Bailey, *Native Pastor, Orattur*; A. Daniel, John Peter, Prakasam Malliappen, *Catechists*; Yesadian Israel, *Assistant Catechist*; Christian Daniel, T. Shadrach, C. Jacob, John David, Francis Jacob, A. Joseph, C. Ephraim, John Matthew, Job, Moses Joshua, B. John, A. Francis, *Readers*; T.

James, S. Zachariah, P. Daniel, P. Abraham, K. Zachariah, T. Iyakan, Aaron, Kanakaryan, Peter Malliappen. *Teachers*: Mary, Emmi Amunal; Asenath, Diavai Joanna. *School Mistresses*: Ponnammal, Elizabeth, Martha, Marial, *Bible Readers*: Silas, *Village Corporteur*.

The Rev. John Scudder writes:

I took charge of this station with its villages on the departure of the Rev. J. H. Wyckoff for America in April, but I was unable to remove to Tindivanam till August. There is very little of special interest to report. There has been an increase in some of the villages, but this has been counter-balanced by a decrease in other places, so that the number of adherents is only one more than last year. Three villages have been without a resident Helper. In these, there has been a loss as might be expected. The communicants number five more than last year, twenty-two have been received on confession of their faith, and fourteen on certificate, eighteen have been dismissed to other churches, ten have been suspended for disorderly conduct, and five have died, leaving the present number four hundred and fifty. I have visited most of the villages and administered the ordinances of the Church, thirty-six adults and seventy-six children have been baptized.

In the congregation at Tindivanam itself, there has been a decrease of sixteen, owing to the removal of a number of families from the place. The communicants number the same as last year.

The native congregations have contributed for benevolent purposes Rs. 292-6-0. Rs. 174-7-3 of this amount was given for the support of the Ministry.

The Rev. Paul Bailey, who is pastor of Orattur and the villages connected with that out-station, visits the various places continually and administers to their wants. He reports them to be doing well on the whole.

We trust that the Christians have increased in knowledge and piety, though they have not increased in numbers. Many of them are subject to the petty persecutions of their heathen neighbors, but they strive to bear their troubles with meekness and resignation. In one place, "Ainur," the opposition to Christianity was shown by burning down the school house. We know not who the culprit is, but many suspect a Brahmin of the place, as he is the only one who has shown his opposition openly. Books composed by blatant and ignorant infidels have been distributed in this place by the enemies of Christianity, to counteract the effects of the Gospel. These, as usual, have been devoured with avidity by many who rejoice in anything opposed to the truth, but they show no desire to investigate for themselves the Gospel thus attacked. It is on some grounds a satisfaction to see the devil active, as it shows that he is fearful of the inroads being made on his kingdom.

SCHOOLS.

Anglo-Vernacular School.—The attendance has been about the same as in former years. The school closed with 143 names on the roll. The fees received amount to Rupees 894-11-0, which is somewhat less than

was received last year. The school was examined by the Deputy Inspector in November, and earned a grant of Rupees 599-10-0. This is also less than the amount gained last year. The Bible is taught one hour a day to each class, and many of the boys have a very good knowledge of the Scriptures.

The Hindu Girls' School.—This is in an improved condition. There were forty-four girls in attendance at the end of the year. Mrs. Scudder superintends the school and visits it several times a week, when she examines the girls in the lessons of the week and teaches them to sing. The Deputy Inspector examined the school in October. Every girl but one passed, and they earned a grant of Rupees 135-4-0. We trust the school will do still better during the coming year.

The Preparandi School.—This is a Boarding School. The year closed with twenty-eight pupils. One boy who had been in the school for quite a long time, became dissatisfied and ran away. He has since repented, and is very anxious to be taken back, but this we have refused to do, as we were not well pleased with him when he was with us. Many of the lads were so deficient in their English studies that we did not present them for examination. Their conduct has been good. They attend the Anglo-Vernacular School, but have additional studies in the Catechism and Scripture. They were examined in these by the Mission Committee, and passed a very good examination. Mrs. Scudder has charge of the school, and attends to their food and clothing, besides examining them frequently in their studies.

Village Schools.—These are still in an unsatisfactory state, but we trust they are improving gradually. Nine of them were examined by the Deputy Inspector and earned grants amounting to Rupees 143-4-6. We hope to have more of them examined next year. Most of the teachers have been faithful in their duties, but the poverty of the people prevents their getting larger schools. Some of them are poorly qualified for their duties, but we are compelled to employ them for the want of better material.

The Reading Room has been kept open during the year and has been visited by more than 9,000 persons. A Christian Agent spends a part of his time there, conversing with the people and selling books and tracts. The sales are as follows:—C. V. E. S. Books 694; Government School Books 468; Religious Books and Tracts, 157. Total amount of sales Rupees 223-14-10. Besides these the Tract Colporteur has sold books and tracts amounting to over Rupees 85, and the Bible Society Colporteur, Bibles and portions amounting to Rupees 51-7-0.

Evangelistic Work.—Only a little of touring among the heathen has been done. The native assistants visited Mailam and Malayanur during the annual feasts and preached the Gospel to many assembled in those places. They have also visited the villages surrounding their stations. Statistics have not been kept in all places, so that I can only give partial returns. The following have been reported to me: 528 villages and places were visited, and the truth proclaimed to 30,212 persons, and 748 books and tracts distributed. There are places in this field which have

never been visited by a Missionary. I trust some of these places will be reached during the coming year.

We need more helpers to carry on the work efficiently, as those now employed have to neglect the work at their stations if they make tours among the heathen. Three villages need men, and others would be vastly benefitted if the places of the present incumbents were supplied by better men.

Rev. Paul Bailey's Report:

The congregations under my charge are, by the grace of God, increasing gradually. Twenty-eight adults were baptized last year and fourteen were admitted to the communion on confession of their faith, and forty-two children were baptized. The village schools are regularly conducted and the Bible and Catechism are daily taught. The church is gradually growing in civilization and piety. Although they have not attained a state of perfection, yet we clearly see a great change for the better, by comparing their present with their former condition. Some are pious though not civilized. All the congregations attend church regularly, observe the Sabbath, and are instructed in the doctrines of the Bible. The communion was administered four times during the year. I visit the villages once every month and administer to their necessities.

The children of Narasinganur sing lyrics in church while the collection is being taken, and during harvest they go around singing and collect gifts for charitable purposes. They also hold prayer meetings in the houses of those who contribute, and conduct the prayers in the Sabbath school. Prakasam and Silas have given to the church the firstlings of their flocks. It would be a very good thing if such a practice were followed by the people in the other villages. The children of Achoor, Konalur and Kakkanur have no teachers, and consequently are illiterate, and the people in these villages often complain of this defect. Rev. and Mrs. Scudder have visited all of the schools previously established by the Rev. J. H. Wyckoff, and are trying to make them more efficient.

We earnestly pray that God will bring many more persons into His Church and pour out His Holy Spirit upon all and strengthen them in piety and faith. The harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few. We trust that God's people will sustain us by their prayers and gifts and enable us to reap the harvest ready for the laborer.

COONOOR.

Rev. John Scudder, M.D., *Missionary in Charge*; C. David, *Catechist*; Isaac Abraham, *Elder*; P. Arservatham, *Head Master Boys' School*; P. Muniappan, *2d Master, Boys' School*; Methuselah Solomon, *3d Master, Boys' School*; Christiana David, *Head Mistress, Girls' School*; Mary Paul Isaac, *2d Mistress, Girls' School*.

Dr. John Scudder, reports :

I was permitted to spend three months of the year at this station. Notwithstanding the efforts of another missionary body to establish a native congregation in this field, which has been ours for years, the church has continued to improve. Last year showed an increase of twenty nine in

the total of the congregation, and this year shows a still further increase of thirteen souls. The communicants number ninety-seven. One was received on confession of his faith, and eight from other churches. Two have died. Two were suspended, and five were dismissed to other places, leaving the present number the same as last year. Four children were baptized.

The Sabbath morning services are very well attended, but as many of the Christians are employed on the tea and coffee estates far removed from the town they are not able to attend church every Sabbath. A Sabbath school is held every Sunday morning.

During the remaining nine months of the year, the work has been carried on by the Catechist, C. David, who conducts the Sabbath services and weekly prayer meetings. He also holds prayers with the servants of several of the English residents, and preaches to the heathen. A women's prayer meeting has also been held weekly.

The contributions for benevolent purposes amount to Rs. 139-15-6; Rs. 99-10-0 of this was given for the support of the ministry.

The Boys' School.—The year closes with sixty pupils in attendance. It was deemed best, for several reasons, to make a change in the teachers, and as John Samuel, the former Head Master, sent in his resignation, it was accepted, and P. Arservatham appointed in his place. The school is partly supported by the English residents of Coonoor, and is under the management of J. G. Clarkson, Esq., who has kindly consented to superintend it.

The Girls' School.—There were fifty names on the roll at the close of the year. The pupils are composed of both Christians and Hindus. Mrs. Scudder while in Coonoor frequently visited the school and examined the scholars in their studies. This school is also partly supported by the residents of Coonoor. Mrs. Clarkson kindly superintends it, and with other ladies often visits it and examines the pupils; and it is owing to their unwearied efforts that the school is in such a good condition.

VELLORE.

Rev. J. W. Scudder, M. A., M. D.; Mrs. J. W. Scudder, *in charge of Female Seminary*; Miss J. C. Scudder, *in charge of Hindu Girls' Schools*.

Teaching Staff of Female Seminary.—Ebenezer Yesudian, *Head Master*; Joseph Packianadan, *Second Teacher*; David Muni, *Third Teacher*; Jacob Lazarus, *Fourth Teacher*; Anna, *Fifth Teacher*; A. Massilamony, P. Jaganadan, V. Thomas, *Catechists*; Isaac Henry, *Catechist and Bible Teacher in Hindu Girls' School*; N. Gideon, Ellen, *Teachers of Elementary School*; Appow, Sandrasegaren, *Colporteurs*; Gnanatipam, *Bible Woman*.

At the Out-Stations.—Rev. Abraham William, *Native Pastor at Kattupadi*; Mrs. A. William, *Bible Reader*; Isaac Lazarus, Christian Samuel, Israel Andrew, John Abraham, *Catechists*; S. Vedamanickam, M. Joshua, S. Treadwell, A. Joshua, Z. Bashyam, *Assistant Catechists*; David Daniel, David Vareed, Iyavu David, Daniel Lazar, K. Solomon, *Readers and School Masters*; Philip, M. Paramanandam, John Moses, Xavier Lazar, *School Masters*; A. Mary and L. Lazarus, *Schoolmistresses*; Shadrach, *Colporteur*.

Dr. J. W. Scudder reports as follows :

Vellore Church and Congregation.—We are thankful for a fairly prosperous year. The communicants have increased about fourteen per cent.

Attendance on Sabbath services has been good, especially in the mornings, which almost always afford the grateful sight of a full audience-room. With one exception the members of the Church, so far as we have means of judging, have lived and acted consistently. The total of communicants reported at the close of 1884 was one hundred and twelve. During 1885 we lost two members by death, dismissed fifteen, and received thirty-three, of whom sixteen joined us on confession of faith, and seventeen by certificate from other churches. The present number of communicants is one hundred and twenty-eight, showing a net increase of sixteen for the year. Two infants were baptized, and eleven marriages were solemnized. The congregation, all told, counts two hundred and fifty. Sabbath schools and week-day prayer meetings were held as usual throughout the year.

The contributions of the Church during 1885 were: Rupees, 285-2-11. On the whole, the contributions are larger by Rs. 7-2-9 than they were in 1884.

Hindu Girls' Schools.—The following are the statistics of these schools for 1885:

Arasamaram Street School.—Average number on the roll, ninety-six; average daily attendance, seventy-seven. Fees collected during the year amounted to Rs. 80-15-0, showing an increase of Rs. 14-4-0 above those of 1884. The whole expense for the year was Rs. 710-0-9. The results grant awarded, for eight months only, was Rs. 211-0-0. The working staff consists of three teachers, one sewing-mistress, and two peons.

Circar Mandy Street School.—Average number on the roll, ninety-seven; average daily attendance, seventy-one. The fees collected amounted to Rs. 67-1-0, an increase of Rs. 7-11-9 above those of 1884. The entire cost of the school for the year was Rs. 647-0-8. The grant earned, for eight months only, was Rs. 108-14-8. The working staff consists of four teachers, one sewing-mistress, and two peons.

A prize distribution was held in January, which attracted a large assemblage of native gentlemen, and, as we were pleased to notice, a few native ladies. The pupils were briefly examined in secular and Scriptural studies, and acquitted themselves well. They also sang several lyrics in Tamil and Telugu, and after exhibiting specimens of needle and fancy work, went away rejoicing with the gifts handed them by Mrs. Fawcett, who kindly presided on the occasion. To this lady we are further indebted for a gold medal, presented by her to the pupil showing the best attainments in needle-work. Several native gentlemen also gave appropriate prizes to the leading scholars in various departments of study. To all these we offer our thanks for this, to us, new departure. We approve it highly, and hope it will become an established usage in Vellore.

I hardly need add that Bible instruction is one of the chief features of the teaching in these schools; and I feel sure that the ladies who support them would be greatly gratified could they see for themselves how familiar many of these young heathen girls are with the precious truths of God's Word. Miss Scudder has charge of these two institutions, and gives much time and labor to them every day. In giving religious in-

struction she is ably and enthusiastically seconded by the Bible Teacher, Catechist Isaac Henry.

Zenana Work.—This work was begun tentatively this year in Vellore. Miss Scudder has regularly visited several high caste heathen families and given them instruction in various secular studies, needle and crochet work, and especially in Bible subjects. But her duties in connection with the Hindu Girls' Schools do not leave much leisure for this special branch of effort. The only way in which it can be successfully carried out is to employ competent assistants. But for this we have no appropriated funds. During three months of the year we employed a trained woman, who found ready access to several high-caste houses. But, unfortunately, she was obliged to leave us, and we have not yet succeeded in finding a substitute.

Our experience, brief as it is, proves that the only hindrances to the work in Vellore are the want of good assistants, and money to support them. Several families, other than those visited, have urgently requested Miss Scudder to place them on her list. Should funds be supplied, assistants could, we think, be found without much difficulty. It would give us much pleasure to organize, and vigorously prosecute this important means of enlightenment and evangelization; and we hope that money for the purpose may be supplied from some source or other.

We note with gratification that Mrs. Isaac Henry, a native member of the Vellore Church, has, throughout the year, accompanied Miss Scudder as a volunteer in her visitations of Hindu homes.

Female Seminary.—Mrs. Scudder, who has charge of this institution, reports as follows: "During the year 1885 there have been sixty girls under instruction in the Female Seminary. The general health of the school has been very good, notwithstanding that we have to record the death of Lucy, an orphan who had been supported for some years by the Sunday school of Schoharie. She had been long ill of consumption, and on the 21st of March she calmly and peacefully fell asleep in Jesus. I regret also to state that a promising girl, who graduated last December, died of cholera at the house of her father, Jacob Raji, Catechist.

The large number of admissions to the school this year has compelled us to employ more teachers than heretofore. This, of course, has increased its expense. On the other hand, we have succeeded in saving something by dispensing with the services of a Matron. With the assistance of a reliable young woman, who has for some time been a teacher in the institution, I have thus far been able to manage its affairs satisfactorily without having a regular Matron in charge.

The Government examination took place in August instead of December. The grant awarded was Rupees, 518-5-4, which we thought very good under the circumstances.

I must not omit to mention that on the 12th of March last my husband married eight graduate girls to as many graduates of the Arcot Seminary, making sixteen persons standing up at one and the same time to be joined in the bonds of matrimony. It was an interesting occasion and a pretty sight. Many heathen, who were present at the ceremony,

expressed surprise as well as satisfaction that so much should be done for these young people by the Mission.

We have had the pleasure of welcoming eleven of the older girls to the table of the Lord this year. All these are supported by Sunday schools or Mission Bands at home; and this I deem an encouraging feature for those who are paying for the education of scholars in our Seminary. May the Lord increase the number of such.

The girls have this year given from their charity bag Rs. 20 to the Bible Society, and Rs. 15 towards the support of a pastor, thus adding their mite for the building up of Christ's Kingdom.

Reading Room.—The reading room has been open from five to six days of each week throughout the year. Its tables are furnished with English and Vernacular newspapers, magazines and books both secular and religious. That these have not been without attractiveness is proved by the fact that no less than 13,048 visitors were recorded during the year. To all these the Gospel has been preached. Books and tracts are sold in the room, the average sales this year being Rs. 7 a month. We hope and pray that this reading-room may prove, to some at least of its many frequenters, a fountain not only of knowledge but of "living water springing up into everlasting life."

Out-Stations.—Nothing worthy of special note has occurred at any of my out-stations this year. The churches and congregations show scarcely any change of condition since my last report. It would be pleasant to tell of new villages occupied, and of swelling numbers of adherents, but such is not our privilege. Nor, indeed, do our circumstances afford any very sanguine hopes for the immediate future. The Mission is so straightened pecuniarily, that any extension of our work involving additional expenditure is out of the question. If we receive new villages they must be provided with catechists and schools. This costs money, which must be furnished by the Mission, for the classes from among whom our congregations are gathered are too poverty-stricken to do much for themselves. But we have not the money, and so things are at a stand-still. Indeed, the impression seems to have got abroad that the Mission will receive no more villages, and that, consequently, there is no use of applying to be received. Our native assistants, too, at the out-stations, naturally enough feel disinclined to press forward a work, the success of which would find us unable to meet its requirements. All this is very discouraging, but it cannot be helped. The most we can do is to establish and strengthen what we already have in hand. This we are trying to do; and, in spite of many drawbacks, hope we are doing. The Gospel is preached, and Christian ordinances are regularly dispensed at the several points occupied. The children, so far as we can induce them to attend our little schools, are instructed both in secular and Scriptural knowledge. Thus we are striving to lay good foundations for a superstructure which we may never see, but which we believe must sometime in the future rise up and adorn the land. We long to complete it ourselves, and feast our eyes on its accomplished beauty. Our firm persuasion is that a sufficiency of money added to effort and prayer would

hasten things a good deal. But in this, as in all respects, we must learn submission to the will of the Supreme.

Of the schools at the out-stations, some have done well, some but poorly. Much depends on the faithfulness and zeal of the teachers. Other things being equal, those who work hard to have a good school have it; those who are indifferent or lazy, fail. Both sorts find illustration in my villages. The results-grants received this year vary from Rs. 5 to Rs. 40. The most successful schools are in Bramapuram, Krishnapuram, Kandiputtur, and Saduperi, the masters of which are worthy of commendation.

Evangelistic Work.—From the statistical books kept throughout the year we gather the following items:—The Gospel has been preached to the heathen, in and about Vellore, 1,562 times, in 304 places, to audiences aggregating 46,451; and in and about the out-stations, 3,283 times, in 463 places, to 42,293 persons. The totals are, times 4845, places 766, audiences 88,744.

Report of Rev. Abraham William, native pastor of Kottupadi Church:

Rendering thanks to our Heavenly Father for His goodness and mercy in permitting us to continue to labor in His vineyard yet another year, I beg to give a brief account of the work done by me and my fellow workers in the Church under my pastoral care during the past twelve months.

The numerical strength of the congregations remains almost stationary. We have no accessions to record, but some families have removed beyond the bounds of our Church for their livelihood, since the publication of our last report, and their names have been taken off from the Church rolls. We have at present 132 families, 169 communicants, and 150 school children.

The contributions received are Rs. 445-13-11,

The sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered four times during the year. One was newly admitted into church fellowship, three were added to the flock of Christ by baptism, and one was removed from us by death.

Evangelistic Work.—The life-imparting story of redemption was proclaimed during the year 1,566 times, in 287 different villages, to audiences numbering 22,378 individuals; and 1,388 books and tracts were sold.

We are thankful to say that our work in the Church has been carried on without interruption. Sunday services have been regularly conducted twice; a Sunday school has been kept up; and a prayer meeting for women every Wednesday and the Saturday prayer meeting have been carried on. Mrs. A. William attended to the Sunday school and the women's prayer meeting, besides finding time to speak to heathen women about Christ.

I am glad to be able to report that the Mission helpers have all been performing their respective duties with diligence and earnestness, with the exception of one who was prevented from devoting all his time to his work having been laid up by frequent illness.

Among the village schools the one at Bramapuram stands first. Some caste children also receive instruction here. The scholars acquitted themselves creditably in the examination of the year and earned a good grant. The teacher is a faithful man—a high caste convert of the time of our much beloved Rev. Dr. Ezekiel Scudder.

It is noteworthy that in the year. Gudiyatam a populous village, the centre of the taluq of the same name, was selected by the committee as a Mission station. A catechist and a teacher have already been appointed to reside there. The place has a taluq cutcherry, and a hospital and 10,641 inhabitants, and will therefore make a convenient centre for a future church. We have been preaching the Gospel in this village for the last twenty-five years, and now we fervently hope that the time is not distant when we are to see the fruit of our patient toils and rejoice over it. Gudiyatam taluq contains hundreds of villages, and a population of 154,646 people. However small may be the proportion, we are glad that we have as many as thirteen congregations and thirteen schools and upwards of 900 Christians in the taluq. A few years ago the committee thought of making Gudiyatam a station for a missionary, but now it is under the careful management of our esteemed Missionary, Rev. Dr. J. W. Scudder.

Out Stations.—*Kandipattur* and *Sekadu* contain one hundred and ninety-seven families; two hundred and twenty communicants; one hundred and thirty school boys; and twenty-one school girls. The contributions of the people amount to Rs. 54-3-4. The churches, though some miles off from Vellore, where Rev. Dr. Scudder, the superintending missionary resides, enjoy the privilege of having faithful catechists, and are, we are glad to say, in a progressing condition. Dr. Scudder visits them four times a year, administering the sacraments of the Lord's Supper and Baptism. At times I also visit these congregations. We always pray that a good and faithful native pastor, who will reside and work among them, will be soon found for these congregations. The formation of a pastorate will indeed be a sign of progress.

I have the privilege to report that in the Bible examination of this year conducted by the Mission committee, of the fourteen that went from Kattupadi and Kandipattur, eleven passed, and Lazarus Catechist, of Kandipattur, was the foremost among them.

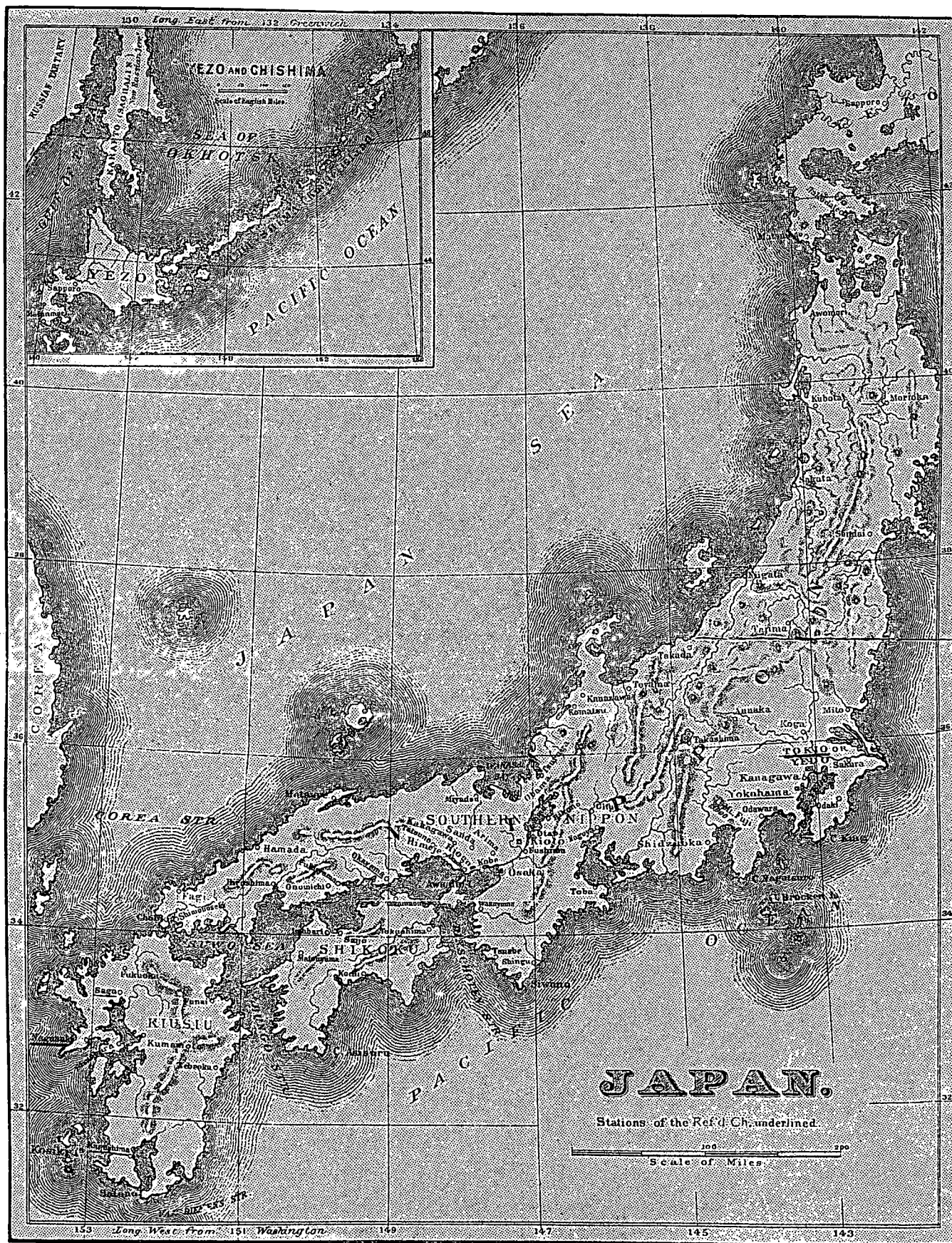
Shadrach the American Bible Society colporteur sold in the year to the railway passengers 1,388 books and tracts and realized Rs. 26-9-1. As we hear that a branch railway line is soon to be constructed from Kattupadi to Chittoor, we are also prospectively glad that the colporteur will then be of increased usefulness in the place.

I tender my warmest thanks to the Rev. Dr. Cole, of Yonkers, America, and the friends in his Sunday school, for their continued liberality in partially supporting me.

The return of the beloved missionary father, the Rev. Dr. W. W. Scudder, at the close of last year has been hailed with great joy by the

Christians and the Hindus. We thank God for this mercy which he has shown to the Church.

"O come and reign o'er every land,
Let satan from his throne be hurled ;
All nations bow to Thy command,
And grace revive a dying world."



THE JAPAN MISSION.

ORGANIZED IN 1859.

This Mission has three principal stations centering at Nagasaki, Yokohama and Tokiyo.

Missionaries—Nagasaki Station—Revs. Henry Stout and N. H. Demarest. Yokohama Station—Revs. James H. Ballagh, E. S. Booth. Tokiyo Station—Revs. G. F. Verbeck, D.D., E. Rothesay Miller, James L. Amerman, D.D., Howard Harris and Prof. M. N. Wyckoff.

Assistant Missionaries—Nagasaki Station—Mrs. Stout, Mrs. Demarest and Miss M. E. Brokaw. Yokohama Station—Mrs. Ballagh, Mrs. Booth, Miss H. L. Winn, Miss M. Leila Winn and Miss Anna H. Ballagh. Tokiyo Station—Mrs. Verbeck, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Amerman, Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Wyckoff.

Connected with the Nagasaki station are two organized churches with a baptized membership of one hundred and five, of whom forty are children.

The churches connected with Tokiyo and Yokohama are so intimately associated with those of the other Missions in the Union Church, that no special report is made of them by the Mission. It appears from the tables given herewith, that the eight churches reported last year as connected with these stations, contain a baptized membership of nine hundred and eighty-six, of whom eighty-three are children. The total for the ten churches would be one thousand and ninety-one, of whom one hundred and twenty-three are children. The whole amount contributed by these churches during the year 1885 was yen 5,456.646. These statistics will hereafter be wanting.

The tables which accompany this report are those of the Dai Kwai, or General Synod, which has just held its biennial meeting. The figures therefore represent the increase or decrease for two years. According to the tables, there are thirty-nine churches on the roll of the Synod. But as one has been organized since these reports have been made out, and four churches joined from Sendai and one from Utsunomiya, there are now forty-five churches connected with the United Church.

Of those reported to the Synod, the Kaigan Church, of Yokohama, is the oldest, having been organized in March 11th, 1872, with only eleven members; while the latest formed is Kochi Church, which was organized on May 15th, 1885, with twenty-two members.

At the last meeting of the General Synod the adult membership was 1,797. At that time there were only four churches that had over one hundred members; there were eleven churches that had between fifty and one hundred; and there were fourteen churches that had under fifty members: the total number being twenty-nine.

Now there are thirty-nine churches, of which three have a membership of over two hundred; eight between one hundred and two hundred; seventeen churches have between fifty and one hundred; and eleven churches have less than fifty.

During these two years there were baptized 1,413 adults. The whole number of adult members is now 3,228, or, including the six churches mentioned above, more than 4,000. The increase for the entire church, during the two years, has been eighty per cent.; for the past year, twenty-seven per cent.

The contributions for all purposes during the two years have been yen 15,310.616, of which 8,859.929 have been contributed during the last year. Of the whole sum, 7,460.388 have been given towards congregational purposes, 5,903.89 towards pastors' salaries, 1,444.258 towards evangelistic work, and 502.080 towards benevolent objects. This is the first time that the contributions of the church have been separated.

THE UNION CHURCH OF CHRIST IN JAPAN.

STATISTICAL TABLES, 1885.

CHURCHES.	Households.	Total No. Members in 1883.		Bap- tized since 1883.		Received on Certificate.	Dismissed by Letter.	Died.	Excluded.	Total No. Mem- bers in 1885.		Sunday Schools. Average Attendance.	Licentiates.	Theol. Students.	Students under care of Cl.	Total Contributions.
		Adults.	Children.	Adults.	Children.					Adults.	Children.					
EASTERN CLASSIS :																
Kaigan	114	188	12	120	10	9	14	12	6	287	22	70	1	3		Yen.
Shinsakaye	52	137	6	75	6	17	13	8	3	200	10	90	2	4	3	1,406.783
Sumiyoshi Cho.	49	56	13	52	16	6	5	10	8	92	28	115				1,054.700
Hoden	11	39	11	12	5		1	1		50	15	16				582.150
Sukiyobashi R	50	93	6	43	11	6	6	7	4	126	16	65			2	83.065
Shinagawa	29	39	5	13	4			1	2	52	8	60				1,141.250
Kojimachi R.	23	70	5	33	5	9	13	6	6	94	7	72				234.620
Sakura	22	38	11	27	6		11	1	11	45	14	21				244.399
Nakabashi.	15	9	1	32	1	5	1		1	35	1	16	1			159.250
Daimachi	36	55	26	16	7	6	12	2	6	68	31	76	1	1		4,820
Mishima R	45	78	6	34	9			7	6	82	10	12				772.130
Kujiukuri	14	16		52	13			1		67	13	64				80.685
Nagoya (1) R	25	10		48	8	5	4	1	1	57	8	27	1	2	2	49.700
Shiba (2).	135			41	17	11	120			192	30	110	4	1		33.983
Shimbashi (3)	34			37			4	2		89	2	26				719.650
Nishi Shiba (4).	20							3	2	42	17	40	1		1	50.130
Total	674	834	102	635	118	78	201	59	52	1596	231	886	11	24	8	10,000
NORTHERN CLASSIS :																
Ueda R	20	45	10	25	1	2	4	1	3	70	8	79	1			1,213.871
Omori		14	5	4	2				2	18	6	27				25.456
Asakusa.	76	171	33	82	9	17	21	5	5	238	45	64	3	1	4	967.661
Ushigomi	42	87	16	89	10	14	7	4		182	26	129	1			796.283
Ryogoku	44	57	6	53	6	30	2	3	15	118	25	40			3	581.003
Hongo R.	34	63	14	44	2	5	3	3		93	19	62				516.001
Wado R.	29	57	7	12					1	65	9	32				911.571
Kiriu	35	102	44	50	19	1	2	2	1	100	48	48	1	1		249.050
Shitaya R.	40	75	1	60	2	11	25	3	14	104	1	29	3	5	2	483.600
Nihonbashi.	26	59	15	35	5	12	7	5	19	83	16	70	1			549.097
Adachi	18	25	6	27	2					49	7	30				264.000
Honjo	17	19	2	7	5	3		5		25	5	34	1	2		94.995
Hakodate (5).	20			47	5	8	1	2	1	51	5	28				376.958
Total	401	774	159	535	68	112	76	38	60	1196	220	672	11	9	15	7,029.546
WESTERN CLASSIS :																
Nagasaki R.		36	22	12	6	10	3	3	1	51	29	40	2	4		31.408
Yanagawa.	33	15	4	83	1	5				101	29	93				73.377
Akamagaseki	11	39	7	10	4		29	2		24	7	12			1	
Kagoshima R.	9	12	11	3		13	14			14	11	28	1			8.996
Kanagawa.	32	46	11	26	5	11	1		5	76	17	99	1		4	324.304
Yamaguchi.	18	41	7	17	10	2	14	1	1	44	16	50			1	1,052.409
Hiroshima (6).	20			13		3	3	1		31		13				57.852
Toyonomura (7).	10			14	5	11	6	5		29	9	50				78.044
Kochi (8).	21			65	8	3		2		66	8	30				27.365
Osaka (9).																
Total	154	189	62	243	39	58	70	14	7	436	126	415	4	5	6	1,653.755
Grand Total.	1229	1797	323	1413	225	248	347	111	97	3228	580	1773	26	38	29	*15,310.616 \$12,248.49

1. Organized in 1884, with 28 members; 2. Re-organized in 1884, with 312; 3. Organized 1885, with 47; 4. Organized in 1885, with 64; 5. Organized December, 1883, with 19; 6. Organized November, 1883, with 19; 7. Organized December, 1883, with 18; 8. Organized May, 1885, with 22; 9. Organized in 1885 (?), with 50 (?).

N. B.—Churches marked R, were reported last year as under the care of our Mission.

*The average value of the Yen for 6 months to December 30th, 1885, was 80 cents, U. S. Currency.

I.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MISSION.

The Rev. E. R. Miller, Secretary, reports for the Mission substantially as follows :

The year 1885 has been fraught with great consequences for Japan. Changes have taken place not only of great importance to the Empire politically and socially, but also in the bearing they will eventually have on the religious aspect of the country. The two statesmen who as diplomatists have brought their country to the front rank of nations, Counts Ito and Inoue, are among the most liberally disposed towards the spread of Protestant Christianity. Even though the social reforms which have taken place may seem trivial, they are all preparing the way for things that are greater.

An event which has not attracted any great degree of attention will yet have an important bearing on the future of Missionary work, namely, the establishment of the Romaji Kwai, or Association for the use of Roman letters in place of Chinese characters in writing Japanese. In 1880 Dr. Hepburn printed an edition of the Romanized New Testament with the hope that the time was soon coming when Roman letters would be introduced into the books of Japan. That was only five years ago, and yet but few scholars would then give the slightest thought to the subject. Now a society has been formed for that avowed purpose, which has a membership of 6,202 and prints a monthly magazine devoted to its interests. The society expects to issue a dictionary, and Dr. Hepburn, who is getting out the third edition of his dictionary, will adopt the Romanization as approved by this society. Should the society's aim be accomplished it will be a great help to the missionary, both in making the acquisition of the language more easy and also in facilitating the printing of books.

The greatest change, however, has taken place in the government, and was announced at the close of the year, namely, the abolition of most of the old offices and the establishment of a Cabinet after Western models, in which the Ministers are directly responsible to the Emperor. As this can be but the foundation on which to build other reforms, we are anxiously, and yet hopefully, looking forward to changes which will have a direct effect on our missionary work, such as the entire disestablishment of the old State religions and the throwing open the country to travel and residence.

WORK OF THE YEAR.

In looking over the work of the year, there are several points which stand out very prominently :

1st. The meeting of the General Synod (Dai Kwai) and the items of business which were transacted at it, namely :

1. The receiving of the churches of Sendai.
2. The reconstruction of the Classes (Chu Kwai).
3. The reconstitution of the Home Mission Board.

2d. The coming to Japan of the Mission of the Presbyterian Church (South).

3d. The joining in our united work of the Presbyterian Church (South) and also of the (German) Reformed Church and the occupancy by them of the two important fields of Sendai in the north and Kochi in the south.

4th. The evangelistic work accomplished by the Union Evangelistic Committee.

THE GENERAL SYNOD.

1st. The meeting of the General Synod occurred at the end of November, extending from the 24th to the 27th. The attendance was unusually large. There were twenty-five Japanese ministers present, thirty-six elders and ten foreign members—in all, seventy-one delegates. Only one Japanese minister connected with the body was absent, the Rev. Mr. Aoki, pastor of the Kanazawa Church; and only four churches were unrepresented by elders.

The Synod was opened with a sermon by the retiring Moderator, Dr. Verbeck, from the text, "Fear not; for they that be with us are more than they that be with them." II. Kings, 6, 16.

The Rev. Mr. Motoichiro Ogimi was elected Moderator of the Synod and made an able presiding officer.

The Sendai Churches.—Four churches had lately been formed from the large church of Sendai, which had a membership of over two hundred, and was under the pastoral care of the Rev. Mr. M. Oshikawa and his assistant, Mr. Yoshida, who, at the fall meeting of the Northern Classis, was taken under its care and licensed. These churches applied to be received and formed into a Classis. (The Sendai Church had been divided into these four churches since the meeting of the Classis.) This was subsequently done, with the name of the Miage Classis.

Reconstruction of Classes.—The churches which compose the *Miage Classis* are Furukawa, Hakodate, Ishinomaki, Iwanuma and Sendai; and the ministers assigned to this Classis were the Revs. Messrs. Ballagh, McCauley and Oshikawa. Probably at the first meeting of the Classis, early in the year, the Rev. Mr. Hoy of the (German) Reformed Church, who has recently come to Japan and has gone to Sendai to live, will unite with it.

Another newly formed Classis was that of *Naniwa*, composed of the Nagoya Church, of the old Eastern Classis, and the Kanazawa, Kochi and Osaka churches of the old Western Classis. There will be connected with this the Revs. Messrs. Aoki, Banno, Grennan, Hurst, McAlpine, Porter, Winn and Yamamoto, eight in all. Messrs. Grennan and McAlpine are members of the Presbyterian Church (South) who have recently arrived, and joined the Classis at its first meeting in Osaka after its formation.

The remaining churches of the old Western Classis were formed into the *Chin-Zei Classis*, as follows: Akama-ga-seki, Hiroshima, Kago-shima, Nagasaki, Toyo-no-ura, Yamaguchi, and Yanagawa; seven in

all. The ministers connected with it are the Revs. Messrs. Alexander, Aoyama, Demarest, Fisher, Hattori, Segawa, Stout and Tomegawa; eight in all.

The old Eastern Classis was formed into the *First Tokyo Classis* (Tokei Dai Ichii), comprising the following churches and ministers: Daimachi, Hoden, Kaigan, Kojimachi, Ku-jyu-ku-ri, Mishima, Nakabashi, Nishi-Shiba, Sakura, Shiba, Shimbashi, Shinsakae, Sukiya-bashi, and Sumiyoshi-cho. Ministers: the Revs. Messrs. Amerman, Ibuka, Imbrie, Inagaki, Ishawara, Knox, Lindsay, Managaki, Ogimi, Toda, Wada, Wyckoff and Yasukawa.

The churches of the old Northern Classis, except that of Hakodate, were formed into the *Second Tokyo* (Tokei Dai Ni) as follows: Adachi, Asakusa, Hongo, Honjo, Kiryu, Nihonbashi, Omori, Ryogoku, Shitaya, Ueda, Ushigomi and Wado, and the church at Utsunomiya has subsequently joined. The ministers are the Revs. Messrs. Bryan, Davidson, R. Ishiware, Kimura, Kitahara, Maki, McNair, Miller, Miura, Ogawa, Okuno, Shinowara, Takagi, Uemura and Dr. Verbeck.

Including the Sendai churches, the one at Utsunomiya, and the recently organized church at Akasaka, there are forty-five churches connected with the General Synod, with twenty-six Japanese ordained ministers, twenty-six licentiate, thirty-eight Theological Students and twenty-nine who have been taken under the care of the Classes but are not in a Theological School. There are also twenty-one ordained foreign ministers, with Prof. Wyckoff and Dr. Hepburn. The Revs. Messrs. Gring and Moore will join before long.

By this redistribution of the Classes much time and expense is saved to the delegates in travelling to the meetings, especially in the south of Japan; and they are better able to look after the interests with which they are immediately connected and which lie close around them. The peculiar advantage is shown in the evangelistic work, which, under the new Board of Home Missions, is left virtually to the different committees of the several Classes.

The Mission Board.—The most important work of the year was the formation of the new Mission Board. Two years ago the Council of the Three Missions drew up a plan for the union of the Japanese and Foreigners in evangelistic work. This plan was submitted to the Japanese pastors at the time of the last meeting of the General Synod, and was fully discussed by them; but it was thought to be too early for the realization of it, although there were some, even then, who were willing to try the experiment, and hoped that it would be feasible.

The plan was, therefore, never submitted to the Synod, but was left in abeyance, in the hope that the time would come before long when the Japanese Christians would see their way clear to accept it in its entirety. Meanwhile the Three Missions determined that, since the Japanese could not unite with them in evangelistic work, they would unite themselves, and show the Japanese the advantages and feasibility of a union of this kind, as well as to let them know that we were in earnest in the matter. For this reason a Union Evangelistic Committee was formed, to under-

take all new work that might be started, and also all old work that might be put under its care by any of the missionaries who had charge of it. Much of the old work was thus put under this Committee from the beginning, and the rest was gradually brought under it as the working of the Committee was seen to result in good to all concerned ; so that before the summer vacation all the evangelistic work of the Three Missions in this part of the country was under the direction of the Committee.

Another benefit of the scheme was that Japanese advisory members were appointed by the two Classes which were especially interested in the plan, and these members, though not having the right to vote, did carry weight by their advice, and so far as is known, there was no action taken which was contrary to their wishes.

It was well understood that, at the meeting of the Synod which was to take place this year, the subject as proposed two years ago, would be brought up for full discussion, and all, both foreigners and Japanese, were prepared beforehand, by joint committee meetings and private conferences, to understand the merits of the case. The corrections suggested by the Japanese to the plan as originally proposed were slight, and all agreed that they could be settled satisfactorily by the decision of the Synod. The discussions were full and frank, and the decisions arrived at unanimous. There was considerable difference of opinion as to the work that should be brought under the direction of the Board, some being strongly of the opinion that no organized church should receive any aid from the Board ; but it was finally seen that, for the present at least, no such rigid rule could be adopted, since it would cut off many churches which needed help the most. Finally the basis was left so broad that work of all kinds can be taken up if the funds of the Board allow.

The plan embraces a central Board elected by the General Synod and composed of twenty members, ten of whom are foreigners and ten Japanese. The officers are : a president, two secretaries, one a foreigner, and one a Japanese ; two treasurers, one a foreigner and one a Japanese. The Board receives all moneys from the Missions and the Japanese churches ; and pays out money to the different committees of the Classes, according to the estimates which they have approved. It also decides the salaries of the Evangelists, but the larger part of the working of the scheme will be left to the committees of Classes, and these, according to the Constitution of the Board, can unite among themselves.

The Missions pay three-fourths of the amount used by the Board ; that is, for every yen contributed by the Japanese churches the Missions agree to pay three yen ; and according to this rate, should the churches give somewhat over two thousand yen, there will be almost enough money in the treasury to carry on all the evangelistic work which is now undertaken by the Three Missions.

At present some of the churches are quite enthusiastic in the matter, and at the first meeting of the Board there was reported a collection of 25 yen (afterwards increased to 40), which had been taken up in one of

the churches as a thank-offering when it heard that the Board had been formed. This was from the Kaigan Church which has contributed more liberally than any other on the roll of the Synod. Besides this there was a balance left from the old Board, and also one from the Home Mission Society of the churches in and around Tokyo which, together, were over two hundred yen. These, with the proportion given by the Missions, would make one thousand yen in the treasury at the first meeting of the Board.

The joint committee of the Tokyo Classes has met and drawn up rules and appointed sub-committees, to see what work should be undertaken, as well as to estimate the amount of money that could be raised for the current year. We hope to get to work during January. The other Classes will be somewhat later, and so it will be some months yet before the whole scheme will be in operation.

We all feel, both foreigners and Japanese, that *now* is the time to work, and everything must be done to rouse the entire body of Christians to earnest effort.

Thoughtful men all over the country are beginning to inquire into the doctrines of Christianity, and where, a year ago, lectures or sermons would be listened to with indifference or interrupted or ridiculed, now the halls are crowded with eager and thoughtful listeners. The better classes are much more open to religious influence than at any previous time, and classes of inquiry can be formed in almost any part of the country if the right steps are taken to secure the end.

OTHER MISSIONS UNITE.

2d. Just at this most opportune time the Presbyterian Church (South) has sent two of its young men out to establish a Mission here. They have entered enthusiastically into our Union, and we have offered them the most promising place in the whole range of our work, namely; the Tosa field, and they will enter on it, we hope, before many months.

3d. The Reformed (German) Mission also, which has not hitherto joined with us in our Union work, is now beginning to see the necessity of it and since their Mission has been reinforced by the coming of the Rev. Mr. Hoy, we have offered them the promising field of Sendai, the key to all the northern part of the island. Mr. Hoy has already settled in that city, to be followed by the ladies of that Mission who are coming out to establish a girls' school, and we hope that before long they will be joined by a missionary family. So that with a Mission centre in the north and another in the south we shall be able to carry on our work to much more advantage than at any other time.

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

4th. Special attention is called to the work that was done this past year under the Union Evangelistic Committee in the north at Sendai and its vicinity, and also to that in Tosa, which is, indeed, the continuation of what was begun by the Committee in the autumn of 1884, and has been carried to such a successful issue.

Sendai.—A committee composed of Dr. Verbeck, Mr. Ballagh and two of the Japanese ministers, Mr. Inagaki, pastor of the Kaigan Church and Mr. Ishiwara, pastor of the Shinsakae Church, was sent by the Union Evangelistic Committee to Sendai at the request of Mr. Oshikawa who started and has had the oversight of the work there since its commencement four years ago. All these gentlemen, except Mr. Ishiwara, have been connected with our Mission. Mr. Oshikawa left Yokohama ten years ago, before he had completed his theological studies, to take up work in Niigata, at the earnest request of Dr. Palm, who was under the Edinburgh Medical Missionary Society, and who found that he had more work on his hands than he could attend to. Mr. Oshikawa worked faithfully with Dr. Palm for some years. He then removed to Sendai and began work there which he has carried on most successfully ever since, with such help as Mr. Yoshida, whom he brought from Niigata, could render him. Contributions were received through Dr. Palm till a year or so ago. Since that time it has been carried on wholly by the native Christians. The church there has grown till the membership reached over two hundred, and Mr. Oshikawa saw that the work would soon be beyond his power to oversee properly. Last spring he applied to the Union Evangelistic Committee for help in carrying on his work according to lines which he had laid out. This he was promised, and it was according to this promise that the committee of four above-mentioned was sent up to the different towns and preaching stations in the neighborhood of Sendai. Upon their return the committee gave a very favorable account both of their tour and also of the condition and zeal of the Church. Later in the year Mr. Ballagh went again to Sendai and helped in the organization of some of the churches into which the Sendai Church was divided.

Tosa.—This work was begun, as reported last year, at the request of the leader of the Liberal Party, Mr. Itagaki, who had become interested in Christianity and invited the missionaries of the United Church to his native province. According to this invitation Dr. Verbeck and Mr. Thompson went there with Mr. Yoshioka early in November 1884, and were followed by Messrs. Knox and Miller in the month of December. During their stay of some weeks, those who had become interested were gathered into a class and given more definite instruction. After they left, books were sent, so that they could carry on the studies by themselves till some one else could be sent to teach them. During the following January the Rev. Mr. Uemura was sent by the Union Evangelistic Committee and remained for some weeks. Later, also, Mr. Knox and Mr. and Mrs. Bryan (Pres. Mission), went down and spent a month or two, preparing the believers and the inquirers for formation into a church. Regular church services, with Bible and catechism classes, were held, and when Mr. and Mrs. Miller, with Miss Leete and Mr. Alexander (Pres. Mission), came down in May, the church was organized with appropriate services, on Friday, the 15th of May, when elders and deacons were elected, who were ordained on the following Sabbath. Mr. Knox baptized thirteen at the organization of the church, and these, with those

baptized by Mr. Uemura and the one by Mr. Thompson, composed the twenty-two who formed it.

After Mr. Knox and Mr. Alexander left, the work was carried on by Mr. and Mrs. Miller till the 3d of July. Those who had received instruction from Mr. Knox, but who were not ready for baptism at the time of the church's organization, were still further taught, together with those who sought instruction for the first time, so that the whole number baptized by Mr. Miller was thirty. During this time Mr. and Mrs. Miller, accompanied by some of the elders, were able to make a short excursion of four days to the town of Sakawa, where Dr. Verbeck had spent one night on November 25th, and Mr. Miller went with some of the elders to the town of Takaoka also. The people of these towns were very anxious to receive instruction, and calls were continually coming in from other places, but there was so much to do in the city of Kochi itself that the necessary leisure was not found. During the time Mr. Knox was in Kochi the number of weekly meetings of one kind or another was seven, which had gradually risen to eleven before Mr. Miller left. The Consistory of the church was organized, so that the officers could carry on the services, after all the missionaries had left. Mr. Atkinson, of the American Boards Mission, having come to Kochi on a missionary visit, there were two lectures given in two of the theatres, on the 29th and 30th of May, when Messrs. Atkinson, Miller, Sugiura, Hosokawa and Niihara spoke.

The interest among the women was greatly increased by Mrs. Miller's visit as they had no one to teach them specially since Mrs. Sakurai had left in the early Spring. Mr. and Mrs. Miller left during the Summer rains and before the intense heat began. Mr. Kumano, an elder in the Kaigan Church of Yokohama, was able to go to Kochi, from the 23d of July to the 7th of September. At his earnest solicitation for aid in the work, which was so accumulating on his hands in the city of Kochi, while, at the same time, there were calls coming in from places in the country all the time, Dr. Verbeck left Tokyo and reached Kochi the 16th of August and remained there till Mr. Kumano's return on the 7th of September. During this stay Dr. Verbeck baptized twenty persons, besides holding services, either preaching or lectures, every day but two of the entire time. He also made trips to the towns of Ino, Sakawa, Ochi, Takaoka and Akaoka, to the latter of which Mr. Kumano was able to accompany him, but at other times he could not be spared from the services in Kochi.

After Dr. Verbeck and Mr. Kumano returned in September, Mr. Yamamoto, who has been teaching so acceptably in the Ferris Seminary, was able to go there as a permanent worker, having been ordained by the Classis before starting.

At a meeting of the Western Classis held in Osaka, November 16th, the Kochi Church was formally received into the United Church, with a membership of seventy-four, and eight candidates for baptism.

The interest in Kochi and that neighborhood continues at its height, and wherever the preacher goes the people are only too eager to hear

teaching and lectures, and to ask questions, not from curiosity, but for information. Mr. and Mrs. Miller expect to pay another visit of several months in the beginning of the year. They will be accompanied by the Revs. Messrs. McAlpine and Grennan, of the Presbyterian Church (South), who have but shortly arrived, and we hope will take up the work in Tosa permanently.

The Greek Church at Utsunomiya.—There has been an interesting work in *Utsunomiya*, in connection with a Greek Church established there for some years. It is a large and important church of sixty-four members, who with many more of that communion, have become dissatisfied with the Greek forms of worship, having given up the worship of saints and images or pictures for some time. Since the publication of the Book of Discipline, some little while ago, in which they saw plainly the power exercised by the Bishop, and the close connection between the Greek Church and the Russian Government, they became more than ever dissatisfied, and finally separated entirely from that Church. Having become acquainted with one of our pastors they made application, first to the Union Evangelistic Committee, which sent a deputation to visit them and examine into their conduct and doctrine. This report proved favorable, and they applied regularly to the Second Classis of Tokyo, and a committee having presided at the election of elders and and deacons and ordained them, they were subsequently admitted to the Classis.

Other Evangelistic Work.—Besides the more extended evangelistic trips there have been others of shorter duration. Mr. Ballagh has visited Mishima several times during the year, and has also gone beyond, to the station of Nagoya, where the work is in urgent need of more energetic measures. There seems to be an unwillingness on the part of the young ministers to go there. Mr. Kimura has been asked but has declined. Mr. Ballagh has also gone to the province of Awa, south of Tokyo, where Mr. Yoshioka has been working since the early summer with considerable success. On his visit in May Mr. Ballagh baptized five persons, and since that time there have been seven more baptized. He has also made trips to Yokosuka, where work has been carried on for some time by the Kaigan Church, which sends Mr. Ito, who has left Mishima and entered the Theological School to complete his studies. He goes to Yokosuka, where are the Government dry-docks and naval shops, every Friday afternoon, staying till Monday morning and then returning to his duties in the school. Miss Leila Winn has also a work there, principally among the wives of the Government officers, which promises well. There are over twenty Christians altogether in Yokosuka.

In May Dr. Amerman, while on a trip for his health, was able to stop at Komora over Sunday and help Mr. Maki in his services there, and also to go with him to one of his out-stations, some fifteen miles away, called Nagakubo.

Ueda.—The church of Ueda went into debt at the time of the building of their chapel, a year ago. This has been such a burden to them that, at their earnest solicitation, the Mission finally consented to pay

the debt of Yen, 240.00, if they would promise to be self-supporting, and also to pay something every month towards the newly formed Home Mission Board, to which they gladly consented. Mr. Kobayashi is still working there, but expects to leave in the Spring.

Wado.—The Wado church is still without a pastor, and there is no immediate prospect of their getting one. They have been busy building their new chapel at Senji, but have not completed it yet. They are in great need of a pastor, but the field is not very inviting to the Tokyo ministers, and the amount of salary which they can raise, or think they can raise, is too small to live on.

Mishima.—The Mishima church, since Mr. Ito left, was for a while without a worker, but during the Summer vacation Mr. Harazawa, from the Theological School went to labor there and helped greatly to revive the church; since October Mr. Hayashi, who was in the Theological School but could not complete his studies on account of his health, and yet was recommended by the doctor to do a little work, has been teaching them very acceptably. The church has improved greatly since they have had to depend more on themselves. They are now looking towards self-support.

Nagoya.—The Nagoya Church is in a very weak condition and does not seem as if it would be self-supporting for some time to come. The work, however, at Mizunomura and at the town of Okazaki, both in the neighborhood of Nagoya, is doing well and has much brighter prospects. Mr. Kato, who left the Theological School some time ago on account of family matters, is still working at Mizuno. The work at Okazaki is, at present, under the care of one of the elders of the Nagoya church who is living at Okazaki. It is doing better since it receives no help from the Mission.

Kojimachi.—The Kojimachi church has grown very little during the year. It, however, pays all its running expenses and has promised to give quite largely towards the Home Mission Board, a much larger proportion, in fact, than most of the churches. The probable reason of this is that they do not give anything towards the support of their acting-pastor, Mr. Ogimi. It would be a good thing for the church if it were thrown on its own resources and made to feel the necessity of self-support. The increase in its contributions has been very large.

Shitaya.—The Shitaya church has increased slightly in both numbers and contributions. They have not a regularly installed pastor, but during the first part of the year Mr. Kimura acted as their pastor and during the latter part Mr. Takagi.

Kaigan.—The Kaigan church is the most prosperous on the roll of the Synod, as regards numbers, contributions and spirituality. It is entirely self-supporting and gives liberally to Missions. During the year it has supported some Missionary work of its own at Kanagawa, Yokosuka and Akowamura.

Sukiyabashi.—The Sukiyabashi church has paid its indebtedness to the Mission and has now no connection with it whatever. Mr. Okuno, who is the pastor of the Ushigomi church, preaches for them occa-

sionally and presides at the meetings of their consistory, and also gets others to supply their pulpit when he can not preach. Mr. Miller has preached here once a month for most of the year.

The Meiji Kwaido, a large hall near Tsukiji, which was engaged from the 1st of November, 1884, as a preaching place, was used every Sunday until August, when it was found that the audiences were diminishing and the Union Evangelistic Committee thought it best to give it up. It was here that the meetings of the General Synod were held.

Of the churches here reported because their names were in the last Annual Report, as a matter of fact, the *Sukiyubashi*, *Kaigan*, *Shitaya* and *Wado* churches can no longer be said to be dependent on our Mission, and of the rest, we most sincerely hope, that should the *Kojimachi* church be able to do without Mr. Ogimi's labors, there would be none left by the end of the year receiving any support from the Mission. So that they should not be reported any more than any other of the churches of the United Church. Beside this, as the churches are beginning to call pastors or helpers who have been educated at the expense of other Missions, before many years it will be impossible for the Mission to report any churches as being particularly under their care. We would only add to this the fact that, since the Home Mission Board is established, in which all the Missions join with native churches in Evangelistic work, it will be entirely beyond our ability to report work as belonging exclusively to our one Mission. For this reason the form of our Annual Report has been changed, and hereafter it will be more general in its character, but we hope that it will give the Board and the churches at home a better idea of what is being done in Japan by our own Missionaries, as well as an idea of what is doing by the Missions with which we are so intimately connected.

PUBLICATION.

During the year the Publication Committee has issued the following: A translation of the Reformed Church Liturgy, by Mr. Miller, 273 pages; A tract on the Decrees of God, by Dr. Amerman, 56 pages; A work on Church Government, by Dr. Amerman, 123; The Creation of the Universe, by Dr. Amerman, 180 pages; A translation of Dr. Woodbridge's Church History, Vol. I., by Mr. Stout, 379 pages.

There were printed by the American Tract Society, through the committee of which Dr. Amerman and Mr. Wyckoff are members:

Six books, averaging over 200 pages each; 16 new editions of tracts, averaging 6 pages each; and one book now in press.

This committee has circulated during the year copies of books and tracts, by donations, 62,215; books and tracts, by sales, 27,865, a total of 90,080, aggregating more than 1,100,000 pages.

The publication of the Glad Tidings (*Yorokobi-no-Otodzure*) by Mrs. Miller, was continued during the year, the monthly issue being 3,300 copies, besides 1,300 copies of the Leaflet for very young children. For the current year the issue of the Glad Tidings will be the same, 3,300 copies, but that of the Leaflet has increased to 1,800 copies a month.

The paper is used by all denominations and is sent to nearly every "ken" of the empire. It is almost self-supporting, the amount received from the Brooklyn Sunday School Association being this year only about \$100.

We can not but feel that this year which has just closed, and which has been so important to Japan both politically and religiously, is to be the opening of a new era; and that, as the advances which Japan has taken, of so radical a nature, during this year, make it certain that she can not go backward in the path of progress and civilization, so also the advances which the Church has made are but the first fruits and harbinger of what awaits her in the near future. We can not too often nor too strongly bring it before our own minds, and the minds of Christians in the United States, that the golden time to work for Japan is to-day, not ten or even five years hence, but now. Now, while the thoughtful men of Japan have their minds turned towards Christianity, and before they become engrossed with the affairs of the National Assembly.

Brethren, remember us in your prayers and your efforts. If you wish to reap largely, while the grain is ripe for the sickle, send the laborers now, or it may be too late for them to take a foremost part in the great harvest of Japan.

The Board of Home Missions of the United Church of Christ in Japan:

Rev. T. T. Alexander.	Rev. E. R. Miller.
" Jas. L. Amerman, D.D.	" T. Miura.
" Jas. H. Ballagh.	" M. Ogimi.
" Robert Davidson.	" M. Oshikawa.
" Hattori.	" Henry Stout.
" K. Ibuka.	" M. Uemura.
" William Imbrie, D.D.	" G. F. Verbeck, D.D.
" A. Inagaki.	" Thomas Winn.
" Geo. Wm. Knox.	" Yasukawa.
Mr. S. Kumano.	Mr. Yoshioka.

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NAGASAKI STATION.

Revs. Henry Stout and N. H. Demarest, *Missionaries*; Mrs. Stout, Mrs. Demarest, Miss M. E. Brokaw, *Assistant Missionaries*; Revs. A. Segawa and I. Tomegawa, *Native Ordained Ministers*; Messrs. Yoshidomi, Kawasaki and Sakaragawa, *Native Unordained Helpers*.

Since the last Annual Report, the force at this station has been considerably reduced by the marriage of Miss C. B. Richards, March 26, 1885, and by the removal of the Rev. H. Harris to Tokyo. These changes, and the long continued suspense concerning school work, have caused us much anxious thought, and the uncertainty concerning our work has had a very depressing influence during the whole year. We pray the Board to send an associate for Miss Brokaw, and also a competent teacher for the Boys' School, at as early a date as possible. Every month's delay renders success more difficult.

We have suffered a sad bereavement in the death of Mrs. Segawa, last October. Her quiet and gentle ways had made her beloved of all who knew her.

The examinations of Messrs. Yoshidomi and Kawasaki, last June, were well sustained, and they were sent to take charge, respectively, of the work at Kagoshima and Saga.

Mr. Kuriharra, formerly laboring at Saga, returned to Nagasaki in the fall to complete his theological studies.

Mr. Stout has continued his instructions in Sacred and Church History, and, since the graduation of Messrs. Yoshidomi and Kawasaki, has had under his care the remaining class of three men. He has made a final revision of the first volume of his translation of Dr. Woodbridge's Church History, and it was published this fall. He is continuing the translation. He has also given daily instructions in the Bible to young men connected with us.

Mr. Demarest has been unable to do very much at the language, because of the sickness of his wife and child during the first four months of the year. In September he took charge of the Boys' School, which was previously under the care of Mr. Harris. There are now fifteen students in this school, eleven of whom are in the English department. Applications have not been discouraged—*e. g.*, one of the students is a Buddhist priest—but no attempt has been made to increase the number of its members, as the main object has been the training of the young men, who are looking forward to the work of the Ministry.

Besides teaching in this school, he has been able to give a few hours each day to the study of the language.

Miss Brokaw continued teaching her class of girls until the summer vacation. Since then she has devoted herself mainly to the study of the language, but teaches one hour each day. She also gives instructions in the Bible to the wives of the Theological students.

Mr. Segawa is the pastor of the Nagasaki church. He has also had charge of the instruction in Theology proper, for which he has translated a large part of Dr. Woodbridge's Analysis. He is continuing this translation, and will make it the basis of his lectures.

Kagoshima.—The work at Kagoshima has not progressed very rapidly during the year, owing to the poor health of Mr. Sakaragawa, the Helper in charge. Early in September, Mr. Yoshidomi was sent to take charge, and he reports much interest among the people. A small work has grown up in the neighboring village of Tatumidzu, where the relatives of several of our students reside, and Mr. Sakaragawa has been sent to instruct them.

Saga.—The work at Saga has been much prospered. All signs of persecution have ceased, and a spirit of friendliness and earnest inquiry has followed. Mr. Kawasaki writes very encouragingly of the work. After much trouble, a new preaching place has been secured, and its better location is a matter of thankfulness and encouragement.

We have to report the loss of our colporteur, who died last August. He had been very faithful in his work among the residents of Saga, and

was of much assistance in the early beginnings both there and at Karatsu. His death was a joyful release from a very painful sickness, which he endured for many months.

Karatsu.—In connection with the work at Saga, work has been carried on at Karatsu, visits being made there at least once a month. There are many earnest inquirers, and a number of baptisms have taken place.

As in Saga, the work here was carried on at first against much opposition by the "Kiu Kuwai." But the faith of the believers was but strengthened by this trial, and their evident sincerity and pure lives caused the furor to abate, and already the work seems very encouraging. The nature of the converts makes it a place of much promise. The believers are, with one exception, distantly related to one another, and the members of two families are all Christians, so that the true basis of the church—in the family—already exists. This circumstance was of much service in enabling them to withstand persecution. They are none of them wealthy, but all are in good circumstances, and thus may prove self-supporting before long.

Kurume.—Work was begun in Kurume last January, under the charge of Mr. Maruyama, but owing to his insincerity and positively pantheistic teaching, we were compelled to dispense with his services. Hoping to keep some few together for the hearing of true Gospel preaching, Mr. Tomegawa was immediately sent there. Because of the prevalence of cholera, public meetings were prohibited by the government, and our work much hindered. As yet we are not able to determine the advisability of maintaining work there.

During the summer our students were sent to several places by us, as preachers and colporteurs. This gave them practical knowledge of the work, and enabled us to form correct judgments of their abilities. Their success has been a matter of much joy and satisfaction to us, and has so stimulated their love of the work, that, on their earnest request, we have allowed them to begin work in the villages surrounding Nagasaki. They have selected as their fields Isahaya, Omura, and Fukahori. The last was the early home of Wakasa, the first convert to Christianity in Nagasaki. Though it is yet too early to judge of the permanent results, the reflex influence upon themselves has been noticeably beneficial. They go out two by two, leaving Nagasaki Friday or Saturday, and returning on Monday, thus visiting each village once every three weeks.

God has greatly blessed our work, and the tables show the gratifying increase of twenty per cent. in the number of the adult members in the churches of this station. The contributions are also much larger than last year's.

We are very thankful to God for these signs of His blessing, and hopefully labor on.

III.

UNION THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL, TOKIYO.

The Ninth Annual Report of this School is as follows:

1. *The Faculty* continues as reported last year. Mr. Ogimi has again given his valuable services, and the corps of instructors has been further strengthened by the presence and aid of Dr. Imbrie and Mr. Miller.

2. *The Course of Study* has been shortened to three years. The change is made possible by the preparation of text books and occasions no loss to the students. The Chinese course was discontinued in September, and the entrance examination was made as severe as the former examination for graduation. In exceptional cases, students insufficiently prepared may be admitted on condition of independent study, a further examination in Chinese being held at the close of the first year. Instruction in English has been provided, our purpose being to teach students to read commentaries and similar works. The study is elective.

3. *Twenty Students* were present at the close of the school year in July, an increase over the previous year of three. This year *thirty-five* are in attendance, classified as follows: *Seniors*, twelve; *Middle*, nine; *Juniors*, fourteen. The attendance and diligence of the students throughout the year has been, on the whole, satisfactory.

4. Most of the students engaged in *Evangelistic Work* during the Summer vacation, under the direction of the Union Committee. Henceforth the Summer vacation will continue from the middle of June to the first of October, thus giving more time for Missionary work. The Winter and Spring vacations have been correspondingly shortened.

5. *A Dormitory* has been purchased, the ground being rented. It is in the native style and will easily accommodate thirty students. The wisdom of the purchase is already apparent in the greater regularity of attendance and the growth of friendliness among the students.

6. *The Evening Class* has been discontinued. The men for whom it was established completed the course, were licensed by Chu Kwai, and are now engaged in Evangelistic work. Other men did not come forward in sufficient numbers to make its continuance advisable.

7. The following works have been printed during the year:

By Dr. Amerman:—1. "On the Attributes of God and the Trinity," 220 pages; 2. "On Church Government," 121 pages; 3. "On the Divine Decrees," 56 pages; 4. "On the Creation of the Universe," 175 pages.

By Mr. Knox:—5. "On Homiletics" (completed), 175 pages.

A volume, "Jesus Christ, the Son of God," a course of ten lectures on the proofs of Christianity, by Mr. Knox, is now ready for the press. And a work on the "Apostolic History," being a commentary on the Acts, by Dr. Imbrie, will be completed during the present year.

8. *The Library* has received valuable gifts from Mr. McLaren, including a set of "Bibliotheca Classica." A few volumes have been purchased. The Mission Board of the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland granted ten pounds for the purchase of books, in accordance

with the request of the Council asking the three Boards to contribute fifty dollars each annually.

The library now contains about 2,000 bound volumes, for the greater part in the English language, and an equal number of unbound volumes and pamphlets, the greater part being standard works in the Japanese and Chinese languages.

9. *The Reading Room* has been supplied with the choicest English, American and Japanese periodicals at no expense to the Missions. The number of subscribers is larger than at any previous time.

10. *The Current Expenses* for the year, including repairs on dormitory, have been Yen 789.87 divided equally among the three Missions. In addition, Yen 300 was paid for the dormitory, and Yen 17.70 has been given for books for the library, making in all Yen 1,107.57.

11. *In conclusion*, it only remains for us to return thanks to our Heavenly Father for the blessings of the year past, and to beseech the continuance of His favor for the year to come, trusting that, through His grace, the School may be an efficient aid in the establishment of the Church in Japan.

IV.

UNION COLLEGE, TOKIYO.

We are glad to be able to report that we have at last our full number of permanent instructors. Mr. O. N. Benton, who for three years had given valuable service, left us at the close of the last school year, to teach in the Government school at Kanazawa, where Messrs. Winn and Porter of the American Presbyterian Mission are stationed.

To fill the vacancy thus made, Rev. H. Harris of the Reformed Mission was transferred from the Nagasaki station.

Miss A. P. Ballagh has been teaching part of each afternoon in the Preparatory school since last spring.

Rev. T. M. MacNair has also given part of his time to teaching in the College, since the opening of the new school year in September last.

The Faculty now consists of Rev. J. M. McCauley, Mr. M. N. Wyckoff, Mr. J. C. Ballagh, Rev. H. Harris and Rev. T. M. MacNair.

Assistants: Mrs. McCauley, Mrs. Ballagh, Miss Ballagh, Mr. S. Ishimoto, Mr. K. Sugimori and Mr. S. Muraoka.

Kanji (Manager) Mr. A. Hattori.

Regular Sunday morning Bible Classes and Sunday evening services are held in both departments. The boarding pupils also attend Bible Class on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings of each week.

The students' prayer meeting is held on Wednesday evening and, in the college department, the Literary Society meets on Friday evening.

In the College the Monday and Thursday evening classes are conducted by Mr. Ballagh, and the Tuesday evening class by Mr. MacNair.

Mr. Sugimori has charge of the evening services in the Preparatory school.

The Sunday evening services are conducted by the teachers in turn.

At the request of the students, one of the foreign teachers attends the English part of the Literary Society's exercises, to act as critic.

The members of the Senior, Junior and Sophomore Classes have formed themselves into a Society for the promotion of Critical Translation. They meet for one hour each Wednesday afternoon, and are now engaged in translating Spencer's Philosophy of Style. Members of the Freshman Class are allowed to attend their meetings.

In July last, two students, I. Nakagawa and S. Baba, graduated and they are now studying in the Union Theological School.

A classmate of theirs left the school, a few months before the close of the school year, to enter the Imperial College of Engineering, where he took first rank in his class, and was taken under government support.

The total number of students with us since the last report is as follows :—

	Whole number of students.	Christians.	Baptized during the year.	Applicants for baptism.
Last Graduating Class.....	3	2		
Senior Class.....	7	6		
Junior Class.....	18	11	4	
Sophomore Class.....	35	10	7	
Freshman Class.....	78	15	2	2
2d Preparatory Class.....	73	12	6	2
1st Preparatory Class.....	33	8		
Total.....	247	64	19	4

This total is larger than the average attendance, as many of our pupils come to us to prepare for the Government schools, and we lose many every year from the Freshman and 2d Preparatory classes, and a smaller number from the other classes. There are also some who drop out by the way without having any satisfactory reason.

The number now in attendance is 152. The location of the Preparatory school was changed at the close of the last school year, and we are now occupying a rented building, in the part of the city in which we hope to build Sandham Hall as soon as a suitable location can be advantageously secured.

Besides our regular classes we have, since March, been teaching two night classes of young men who wish to study English. The hours of instruction are from 7.30 to 9.30 every evening of the school week.

Messrs. Ballagh, Harris, Wyckoff, Ishimoto and Hattori are the teachers. Part of each evening is given to religious instruction.

The number of pupils is thirty-four.

The *Students' Missionary Association* is working earnestly. During the summer vacation they sent two of their number to work at Odawara, where, as stated in the last report, they had worked during the previous summer with considerable success. This year, however, they were unable to do anything there, as the priests have stirred up a strong feeling of opposition, so that they could not even rent a room. They therefore went to other places where work was already in operation. Several other members assisted regular workers in various places, during the summer.

Since the opening of the school year, the society has held lecture meetings in four of the churches of the city.

These meetings have been well attended, and we trust that they may do good.

Some of the members go every Sunday afternoon to teach the fishermen living on a small Island in the river, near the school. The society holds what may be called a Social Inquiry Meeting every Sunday evening, for an hour before the regular services, to which all are welcome.

We feel that this band of Christians is a great power in the College, both in leading the unconverted to Christ, and in promoting growth in Christian life.

During the year, "Foster's Story of the Bible," translated under the direction of Mr. Ballagh, has been published by the American Tract Society's Committee for North Japan, and Mr. Wyckoff has prepared and published a small book entitled "English Composition for Beginners."

V.

THE ISAAC FERRIS SEMINARY: YOKOHAMA.

Foreign Teachers—Rev. Eugene S. Booth in Charge; Mrs. Booth. Misses H. L. Winn, M. Leila Winn, Anna H. Ballagh.

Japanese Teachers—Messrs Ato Kumano, Hideteru Yamamoto, Shigeru Hayashi; Misses Kashi Shimada, Toyo Inagaki, Hama Hirano, Yuki Tomita; Mrs. Tei Iijima; Mrs. Tami Katayama, Matron.

Pupil Teachers—Misses Yasu Sakayori, Haru Serata.

Tenth Annual Report:

Since the first of January, 1885, a larger number of pupils have entered than in any previous year. We reported fifteen new pupils last year, and now we have the pleasure to report thirty-one. The whole number enrolled during the year is seventy-three. The average attendance was forty-eight. There are now sixty-three pupils in the school, all of whom are boarders.

There are twenty professing Christians, three of whom were baptized during the year, and twelve children who have come from Christian homes among the pupils.

Mr. Kumano, the teacher in Chinese classics, has been baptized, greatly to the joy of the teachers and Christian pupils. A follower of Confucius, and learned in Chinese classics, he has had no religion, and

those who know what intellectual pride such persons often have, will be able to appreciate the struggle he has had in making a profession of faith in Christ. But, so far as our observation goes, and in all our intercourse with him, he seems to have become a very humble-minded Christian, and willing to be instructed by the most lowly.

We are able now, for the first time in the history of this institution, to report a corps of Christian teachers—a fact which speaks for itself of the progress of Christian effort in Japan, and is a promise of greater things in the future of the school.

The loss of Mr. Yamamoto is felt very deeply by all. A call from the Evangelistic Committee to engage in a very important work in Kochi, led him to sever his connection with us. He entered upon his new duties in September.

The marked improvement which the pupils have made in Japanese penmanship testifies to the patient faithfulness of Mr. Hayashi. His classes in Free-hand Drawing have made good progress, and some of the specimens of their work exhibited at the examinations were very creditable.

Miss Shimada, formerly known as Miss Kashi Okawa, has taken a larger part of the work left by Mr. Yamamoto. She has become a very efficient instructor. Her teaching, both in Japanese and in English, is done in a most satisfactory manner.

Miss Inagaki and Miss Hirano, although having had but little experience thus far in teaching, show an aptitude for it, and the pupils under their care have made good progress.

Mrs. Katayama, the matron, has been "a help and a comfort" to the foreign teachers, not only, but has filled her position with dignity and success, securing the confidence of pupils and parents. Her quiet dignity and Christian piety make her influence felt by all in the school.

The changes among the foreign teachers are as follows: Early in the year Miss Carrie E. Ballagh severed her connection with us, and entered the American Episcopal Mission, by her marriage to E. Harrell, M.D. Her sister, Miss Anna H. Ballagh, has taken her place and reports as follows: I have thoroughly enjoyed the work, and, as a rule, have found the pupils bright and interested in their studies, especially in the musical department. It has been a real pleasure to me to find with what quickness and accuracy they have taken up the work assigned them."

Miss H. L. Winn rejoined us on the 12th of October, after an absence of nearly two years and a half.

She received a very hearty welcome from all, and entered immediately upon her duties with renewed strength and enthusiasm.

The foreign teachers are occupied with their classes from three to five hours daily.

Since Miss Winn's return, Rev. E. S. Booth has taught a Normal Class, composed of post-graduates and teachers. The subjects taught are Evidences of Christianity, Physiology, History and the "Art of Teaching." Besides teaching and studying the language, Miss M. Leila Winn has a very interesting work among women at Yokosuka, a village distant from

Yokohama about two hours sail on the bay. These women are, for the most part, the wives of officials, who are desirous of becoming acquainted with foreign ways, and advantage is taken of this desire to make an opportunity to give them Christian education. Several of the ladies are Christians.

We are happy to record the merciful providence which brought the school through an epidemic of the measles in March last, without loss of life, although Miss Leila Winn and several of the older pupils were very ill. The general health of the pupils and teachers has been very good, and the work accomplished is in the main satisfactory.

The closing exercises of the English department took place on the 10th of July, when two pupils graduated.

The commencement exercises of the Japanese department took place on the 23d of December, when five pupils graduated from etiquette. Six were promoted from the Primary to the Regular course, and five young ladies graduated from the Regular course. The names of the latter are as follows: Miss Yasu² Sakayori, Miss Haru Serata, Miss Yoshiye Katayama, Miss Tetsu Sato and Miss Ye Shinowara, all of whom, excepting the first named, remain to complete the English course. Miss Sakayori has already completed it, and has been asked to engage in teaching at the Seminary for a while. Her answer has not yet been received.

Owing to the large number of pupils to enter the school, it has been necessary to make unusually large outlays for school furnishing and equipments. Yet all has been brought within the appropriation. The storms of the past year have been unusually severe, and the exterior of the buildings had sustained so much damage from them that it was found necessary to take off all the outside plaster (stucco) and replace it with new. The best materials have been used. The work is just being completed, and the main building is as good as new. It is hoped that, notwithstanding this large expenditure, the prosperity of the school will be such that the appropriations for next year will be sufficient.

We are assured, from the signs of the times, that the day is not far distant when the women of Japan, who are now so generally looked down upon by their own countrymen, will arise and call the women of America blessed through whose prayers and self-sacrificing love they have found Him who "came to seek and to save the lost."

With profound gratitude to Almighty God for the high privilege of being His instruments in this beautiful land of Japan, to give Christian education and culture to so many of the daughters of this ancient people, we close our report.

GENERAL SUMMARY, 1885-6.

	CHINA	INDIA	JAPAN	TOTAL
Stations	1	8	3	12
Out-stations and preaching places..	18	84	.....	102
Missionaries, ordained.....	5	8	8	21
Ministers, unordained.....	.....	.....	1	1
Assistant Missionaries, married....	4	6	9	19
Assistant Missionaries, single.....	2	2	4	8
Native ordained Ministers.	4	4	.....	8
Other Helpers, male.....	17	151	.....	168
Other Helpers, female.....	1	11	8	20
Churches.....	8	23	.....	31
Communicants.....	784	1610	.....	2394
Seminaries, male.....	1	4	2	7
Seminaries, male, Scholars in....	11	171	†262	444
Seminaries, female.....	1	2	1	4
Seminaries, female, Scholars in...	30	90	73	193
Theological Schools.....	1	1	2	4
Theological Students.....	7	*7	**35	49
Day Schools.....	4	96	.....	100
Day Schools, Scholars in.....	61	††2313	.....	2374
Contributions of Native Churches.	\$2008.43	\$749.00	.....	.....

* The whole number of helpers are under instruction, being examined yearly.

† Including 247 in the Union College at Tokiyo.

** In the Union Theological School at Tokiyo.

†† Including 374 in six caste girls' schools and 348 in four Anglo-Vernacular schools.

These statistics are necessarily defective—churches, pastors, helpers students and communicants in Japan belonging to the Union Church.

TABULAR VIEW OF RECEIPTS.

The first four columns contain all sums received directly into the Treasury of the Board, those coming through the Woman's Board forming a part of the amounts in the third column. Other donations to the Woman's Board, etc., are added, to make the fifth column, thus including everything given for Foreign Missions.

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	From Churches	From S. Schools	From Individ'ls	Total.	Grand Total.
Classis of Albany.					
Clarksville.....	5 77			5 77	16 77
Onisquethaw.....	3 40			3 40	3 40
Coeymans.....	96 28	23 54	5	124 82	124 82
New Baltimore.....	56 37		65	121 37	135 89
Union Church.....	5 10			5 10	5 10
Madison Avenue, Albany.....	1,156 95		142	1,298 95	1,630 95
First, Albany.....	693 17		175	868 17	922 98
Third, Albany.....	28		59 40	87 40	87 40
First, Bethlehem.....	28	10		38	71 84
Second, Bethlehem.....	33 44			33 44	33 44
Fourth, Albany.....	30	10		40	40
Knox.....			5	5	5
Westerlo.....					8 50
Holland, Albany.....					
Jerusalem.....					
New Salem.....					
Second Berne.....					
Classis of Bergen.					
First, Hackensack.....	213 93	50	3 30	593 93	763 93
English Neighborhood.....	40		60	100	100
Central Avenue, Jersey City.....	29 92	24 08		54	54
Schraalenburgh.....	78 80		30	108 80	108 80
Palisades.....		6	10	16	16
Park, Jersey City.....	24 12			24 12	24 12
Second, Hackensack.....	12		30	42	42
Guttenburgh.....		1 50		1 50	1 50
Cherry Hill.....	18 50	5		23 50	23 50
New Durham.....	85	15		100	100
Closter.....	12 71		32 30	45 01	45 01
Third, Hackensack.....	5			5	5
North Bergen.....	50			50	50
German, Hoboken.....					
First, Hoboken.....					
Secaucus.....					
S. Classis of Bergen.					
South Bergen.....	9 05			9 05	23 30
Lafayette.....	351	34 18	30	415 18	554 18
Bergen.....	320 77	60 93	113 41	495 11	597 26
Bergen Point.....			153	153	153
Second, Jersey City.....	90 79		162 05	252 84	252 84
Greenville.....	10 63	4 75	60	75 38	220 03
St. John's German Evan.....	10 50			10 50	10 50
First, German Evan., Jersey City.....	16			16	16
First, Bayonne.....	63	25		88	88
Second, Hudson City.....					
First, Jersey City.....					
Free, Jersey City.....					
Third, Bayonne.....					

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CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	From Churches	From S.Schools	From Individ'ls	Total.	Grand Total.
Classis of Cayuga.					
Owasco.....	8 88			8 88	8 88
Syracuse.....	65 19		240	305 19	305 19
Christ Church, Utica.....	180 18	30	260	470 18	663 35
Naumberg.....	2 58			2 58	2 58
New Bremen.....	2			2	2
Chittenango.....	10	30		40	40
Thousand Isles.....	6 70	5	4 50	16 20	48 20
West Leyden.....	2			2	2
Owasco Outlet.....					5
Canastota.....					14 09
Cicero.....					
Point Rock.....					
Classis of Geneva.					
Rochester.....	187	75	26 75	288 75	288 75
Lodi.....	62 41			62 41	72 41
Tyre.....	7	32 62		39 62	39 62
Marion.....	29 25	10	10	49 25	49 25
Abbe Church, Clymer.....	41 12	41 31		82 43	82 43
Mina.....	3 77			3 77	3 77
Pultneyville.....	10	21		31	31
East Williamson.....	13 20		20	33 20	33 20
Arcadia.....	2 43			2 43	2 43
Clymer.....	28 40			28 40	28 40
Farmer Village.....	36 19			36 19	100
Lodi.....					
Dunkirk.....					
Caroline.....					
Ontario.....					
Classis of Grand River.					
Second, Grand Haven.....	31	46 21	65	142 21	142 21
First, Kalamazoo.....	42 82	83 42	153 50	279 74	319 74
Second, Grand Rapids.....	64 81	163 57	79 65	308 03	308 03
Spring Lake.....	23 44	33 10	4	60 54	60 54
First, Grand Haven.....	68 29	61 16	33	162 45	162 45
South Haven.....	5			5	5
Third, Grand Rapids.....	30		24 88	54 88	54 88
Fremont.....	14 34	6 80		21 14	21 14
Twin Lakes.....	15 75			15 75	15 75
Muskegon.....	124 50		117 50	242 06	242 06
Grandville.....	33			33	33
Fourth, Grand Rapids.....	28	21		49	49
Polkton.....	8			8	8
Second, Kalamazoo.....	10 25			10 25	10 25
First and Second Churches.....	16 89			16 89	16 89
Detroit.....					
Montague.....					
Classis of Greene.					
Catskill.....	305 17	53 63		358 80	462 34
Second, Coxsackie.....	120 99	17 50		138 49	209 69
First, Coxsackie.....	36		15 75	51 75	73 75
Kiskatom.....	92 54			92 54	135 77
First, Athens.....	60	30		90	90
Leeds.....	25			25	32
Second, Athens.....	7			7	7
Cash, Coxsackie.....					1
Classis of Holland.					
Zeeland.....	210	178 58	10	398 58	491 58
Vriesland.....	62 83	17 75	500	580 58	580 58
Rotterdam.....	10 43		5	15 43	15 43
Ebenezer.....	43 09			43 09	50 59
First, Holland.....	34 59	103 23		137 82	137 82

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CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	From Churches	From S. Schools	From Individ'ls	Total.	Grand Total.
Classis of Holland.					
(CONTINUED.)					
Beaverdam.....	16 21	16 73	30	62 94	62 94
First and Third, Holland.....	42 01			42 01	42 01
Jamestown.....	12 12	55 88	41	109	109
South Blendon.....	4 53	16 40		20 93	20 93
Graafschap.....	63 97			63 97	63 97
North Holland.....	42 75	15 70	36	94 45	94 45
Third, Holland.....	56 70	100	3 25	159 95	159 95
Overisel.....	160 97	181 65	13	355 62	355 62
Drenthe.....			5	5	5
Young Ladies' Society.....					25
Married Ladies' Society.....					23 15
Aux'y in 3 Churches.....					45 11
Cleveland.....					
East Overisel.....					
Fynaart.....					
Saugatuck.....					
Zabriskie.....					
Three Oaks.....					
Classis of Hudson.					
Greenport.....	42 87	16 70	30	89 57	89 57
First, Claverack.....	154 59	42 50		197 09	203 49
Second, Claverack.....	66 58	20		86 58	86 58
Germantown.....	5 99	10 50		16 49	16 49
Linlithgow.....	20 16			20 16	50 16
Hudson.....	358 85	65	43	466 85	532 36
Gallatin.....	6 05			6 05	6 05
Upper Red Hook.....	81	9 06	90	180 06	195 06
Livingston Memorial.....	21 19			21 19	21 19
West Copake.....	40 68		10	50 68	50 68
Friends of Missions.....					25
Classis of Illinois.					
Second Pekin.....	7 75			7 75	7 75
Spring Lake.....	6		2	8	8
First, Pella.....	130			130	130
Second, Pella.....	10 45		130	140 45	140 45
Irving Park.....	46 74	10		56 74	56 74
Raritan.....	42 20		40	82 20	82 20
Fairview.....	86 11	58 85		144 96	144 96
Bethel.....	9 66	15 59		25 25	25 25
Sand Ridge.....	7 25	2 50		9 75	9 75
Norwood Park.....	20			20	20
Bushnell.....					35 75
Havana.....					
Otley.....					
Third, Pella.....					
First, Pekin.....					
Manito.....					
Norris.....					
Classis of Iowa.					
North Orange.....	17 75		18	35 75	35 75
First, Orange City.....	31 75			31 75	31 75
American, Orange City.....	34 49	5		39 49	39 49
Alton.....	85 69	7	10	102 69	102 69
First, Douglas County.....	22 50			22 50	22 50
West Branch.....	58 18			58 18	58 18
Washington.....	10 50			10 50	10 50
Sioux Centre.....	23 56			23 56	23 56
Belmont.....		1	2	3	3
Marion.....	11 35			11 35	11 35
Parkersburgh.....	45 35			45 35	45 35

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	From Churches	From S. Schools	From Individ'ls	Total.	Grand Total.
Classis of Iowa.					
(CONTINUED.)					
Dorcas Vereeniging, Orange City					75
Sioux Falls					
Lennox					
Harrison					
Maurice					
Turner					
Centreville					
Charles Mix					
Salem					
Classis of Kingston.					
New Paltz	120 30			120 30	165 80
Marbletown	81			81	81
Rosendale	10 25			10 25	10 25
Hurley	75 16	42 57	10	127 73	127 73
Fair Street, Kingston	82 67	54 73		137 40	253 11
Bloomington	8			8	8
Guilford	7 60		15	22 60	22 60
North Marbletown	13		1	14	14
St. Remy	9			9	9
Clove	46 18	37 83	12 50	96 51	104 51
Dashville Falls	40			40	40
Rochester	30	12		42	42
Krumville					
Bloomington					
Lyonsville					
N. Classis of L. Island.					
East Williamsburg	31	44 22	9	84 22	84 22
Queens	80 42	141 50		221 92	221 92
Jamaica	66 85		89 26	156 11	213 16
Flushing	61 10	65		126 10	148 10
Sayville	75			75	75
Oyster Bay	30 75	85		115 75	115 75
Locust Valley	23 42			23 42	23 42
First, Astoria	59 82	67 78	58	185 60	212 45
Second, Astoria	11	5		16	16
North Hempstead	66 48	6 68		73 16	73 16
Newtown	108	9	10	127	127
St. Paul's, Jamaica	7 65	2 80		10 45	10 45
St. Peter's, Brooklyn	30	20	8	58	58
South Bushwick	39 73			39 73	71 73
Greenpoint	250 65	66 35	60	377	377
First, Long Island City	24 63	3 17		27 80	27 80
College Point	155 51			155 51	155 51
Williamsburgh	42 10	17	185	244 10	269 11
Hicksville					
Jericho					
S. Classis of L. Island.					
Flatbush	968 60		300	1,268 60	1,425 10
Flatbush Mission	15 46			15 46	15 46
First, Brooklyn	356 37			356 37	420 67
Centennial Chapel	5 30	19		24 30	
On-the-Heights	2,430 44		5 20	2,435 64	2,648 64
Bethany Chapel		80		80	
New Lots	214			214	214
New Utrecht	226 51	103 19		329 70	533 70
Flatlands	50	80	50	190	190
New Brooklyn		44		44	
South Brooklyn	40 53	50	30	120 53	182 53
Gravesend	74 18	71 21	75	220 39	247 83
Canarsie	6			6	6

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CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	From Churches	From S. Schools	From Individ'ls	Total.	Grand Total.
S. Classis of L. Island.					
(CONTINUED.)					
Middle Brooklyn.....	34 34			34 34	34 34
Twelfth Street, Brooklyn.....	51 10	50	60	161 10	161 10
Bedford.....					37 25
North Brooklyn.....					
Ocean Hill.....					
St. Thomas.....					
Classis of Michigan.					
First, Grand Rapids.....	57			57	57
Macon.....	11 63			11 63	11 63
South Macon.....	17 39	8 90		26 29	26 29
Centreville.....	36 22	10		46 22	61 62
Hope, Holland.....	43 38	50 14	1	94 52	99 85
De Spelder.....	3 80			3 80	3 80
Constantine.....		25	5 50	30 50	30 50
South Bend.....	6 25			6 25	6 25
Porter.....					
Classis of Monmouth.					
Second, Freehold.....	149 47	33 30	50	232 77	232 77
Middletown.....	16 44		120	136 44	136 44
Holmdel.....	101 68			101 68	151 68
Keyport.....	15			15	15
Colt's Neck.....	24 76			24 76	75 07
First, Freehold.....	50 97		10	60 97	60 97
Highland.....			2	2	2
Spotswood.....	32 75			3 75	32 75
Long Branch.....					
Asbury Park.....					
Classis of Montgomery.					
Glen.....	112 58			112 58	112 58
Columbia.....	15 18			15 18	15 18
Fonda.....	167	12	37 95	216 95	280 13
Herkimer.....	90 32	36 42		126 74	132 74
Florida.....	64	17		81	81
Hagaman's Mills.....	69 69	30 84		100 53	100 53
St. Johnsville.....	50			50	50
Port Jackson.....	78 75	15 90		94 65	125 65
Canajoharie.....	153 52	48 17		201 69	235 69
Fort Plain.....	120	35		155	155
Fultonville.....	59 74	26 12		85 86	85 86
Currytown.....	38			38	38
Mapletown.....	17 50			17 50	17 50
Spraker's Basin.....	4 60			4 60	4 60
Mohawk.....	7 86			7 86	7 86
Auriesville.....	30			30	30
Cranesville.....					
Ephratah.....					
Fort Herkimer.....					
Henderson.....					
Stone Arabia.....					
Manheim.....					
Classis of Newark.					
North, Newark.....	2,500		100	2,600	2,793 45
First, Newark.....	114 49	85		199 49	215 79
Belleville.....	76 77	66 11	85	143 73	171 73
Trinity, Plainfield.....	333 93	95 25		429 18	456 18
Clinton Avenue, Newark.....	138 56	108	186 90	433 46	456 05
Second, Newark.....	23 25	27 79	30 45	81 49	91 49

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Classis of Newark.					
(CONTINUED.)					
Orange	797 08	110 48		907 56	999 56
East Church, Newark	22	25		47	47
West Church, Newark	10			10	10
Franklin	14 86			14 86	14 86
Irvington	10			10	10
Stone House Plains	18 33	12 50		30 83	30 83
Linden					
Woodside					
German, Plainfield					
Classis of New Brunswick.					
First, New Brunswick	106 47	185	217	508 47	518 47
Second, New Brunswick	374 85	145	380 15	900	900
Six Mile Run	233 76		135	368 76	445 78
Griggstown	50	12 32	100	162 32	220 42
Hillsboro	70 26		50	120 26	120 26
Metuchen	14 32	4 70		19 02	47 37
Fourth, New Brunswick	35 29	20		55 29	74 54
Middlebush	206 42	8 74	10	225 16	240 16
East Millstone	29 69	5		34 69	34 69
Third, New Brunswick	30			30	30
Bound Brook	6 10	9		15 10	15 10
Classis of New York.					
South	850 31		100	950 31	950 31
Manor Chapel	25	50		75	75
Brighton Heights	50 35	111 25		166 60	166 60
St. Paul's, Mott Haven	20		60	80	141
Collegiate	2,598 53	256 38	4,319 03	7,174 84	
North Church		17 16		17 16	
De Witt Chapel	165 10			165 10	7,687 92
Knox Memorial	20			20	
Grace	36 50	1 20		37 70	37 70
Huguenots	8			8	8
Madison Avenue	740 44	66 67	37 62	844 73	1,194 73
Fourth, German	20	99 83		119 83	119 83
Union, Sixth Avenue	28 08		122	150 08	226 08
Harlem	130 26	50		180 26	380 26
Port Richmond	99 78		5	104 78	188 38
Union, High Bridge	30 44	20	10	60 44	110 44
Prospect Hill	87	110		197	261 21
Bloomington	40 36	40		80 36	80 36
German Ev., Yorkville	5			5	5
Thirty-fourth Street	40			40	115
German Ev. Mission	413	50		463	463
Norfolk Street	50			50	50
German Ev., Avenue B	20			20	20
Holland					
Brookfield					
Kreischersville					
Classis of Orange.					
Deer Park, Port Jervis	169 83	40	162 50	372 33	372 33
Ellenville	84 74	37	35	156 74	178 80
New Prospect	34 90			34 90	34 90
Upper Walpack	11			11	11
Newburgh	95 25	65 78	245	406 03	581 03
Shawangunk	48 75	13 50	5	67 25	67 25
Kerhonkson	8		1 90	9 90	9 90
New Hurley	87 23	2	10	99 23	109 61
Bloomburgh	9 90	5		14 90	14 90
Fallsburgh	30 44		7 75	38 19	38 19
Mamakating			7	7	7

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	From Churches	From S. Schools	From Individ'ls	Total.	Grand Total.
Classis of Orange.					
(CONTINUED.)					
Minnisink.....	3			3	3
Wawarsing.....	40	5		45	45
Berea.....	60 63	20		80 63	80 63
Cuddebackville.....	17 88			17 88	17 88
Walden.....	123 50			123 50	123 50
Wallkill.....	14 50	13 23		27 73	27 73
Callicoon.....	8 50			8 50	8 50
Montgomery.....	600 38			600 38	600 38
Lower Walpack.....					
Claraville.....					
Grahamville.....					
Unionville.....					
Classis of Paramus.					
Nyack.....	144 71	74 40	135	354 11	778 11
North Passaic.....	68 59		81	149 59	205 89
Holland, Lodi.....	3			3	3
Clarkstown.....	73 40	10	30	113 40	113 40
Acquackanonck.....	300	200	200	700	700
Warwick.....	295 83	54	54	403 83	403 83
Broadway, Paterson.....	161 37	35		196 37	196 37
Paramus.....	114 98	7 95	13 25	136 18	153 46
West New Hempstead.....	24 77			24 77	24 77
Spring Valley.....	28 26	57 20		85 46	129 46
Piermont.....	29 40	31 55	7	67 95	109 61
Centreville.....	140 65		10	150 65	163 91
First, Holland, Paterson.....	28 66	24 31	11 21	64 18	164 18
Pascack.....	29 79	24 26		54 05	54 05
Ridgewood.....	23 08	20	6	49 08	49 08
Tappan.....	10 75		30	40 75	42 11
Second, Paterson.....	83 10	43		126 10	149 16
Holland, Passaic.....	22	45 50		67 50	67 50
Second, Lodi.....	10			10	10
Saddle River.....	14 09	18 06		32 15	32 15
Mahwah.....	5 05			5 05	30 45
Ramseys.....	3			3	3
Holland, Wortendyke.....	6			6	6
Classis of Passaic.					
Pompton Plains.....	120	39 71	152 35	312 06	322 06
First, Paterson.....	25	84	45	154	154
Pompton.....	105 15		80	185 15	185 15
Wyckoff.....	9	13 55	7	29 55	59 55
Franklin Furnace.....	4	9 30		13 30	13 30
Sixth, Holland, Paterson.....	7 30	29 86		37 16	37 16
Bronton.....	40		40	80	80
Union, Paterson.....	42 50			42 50	42 50
Montville.....	13		50	63	103
Preakness.....	30 24			30 24	30 24
Fairfield.....	31 51		49 79	81 30	81 30
Ponds.....	13			13	13
Little Falls.....	62			62	62
Classis of Philadelphia.					
First, Philadelphia.....	136 34	90		226 34	347 84
Rocky Hill.....	32 76	10		42 76	42 76
Neshanic.....	88 56	54	30	172 56	172 56
N. and S. Hampton.....	132 21	40 90	59 93	233 04	244 04
Clover Hill.....	6 08			6 08	22 08
Third, Philadelphia.....	50			50	93
Second, Philadelphia.....	450		81 70	531 70	631 20
Fifth, Philadelphia.....	50			50	50
Easton.....	52 46	100		152 46	183 8

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	From Churches	From S. Schools	From Individ'ls	Total.	Grand Total.
Classis of Philadelphia.					
(CONTINUED.)					
Stanton.....	35 90			35 90	35 90
Addisville.....	35 75	10 90		46 65	46 65
Three Bridges.....	18	6 50		24 50	24 50
Blawenburg.....	80 34			80 34	80 34
Fourth, Philadelphia.....	170			170	170
Harlingen.....	17 23		25	42 23	42 23
Classis of Poughkeepsie.					
Rhinebeck.....	70 56		5	75 56	75 56
Hopewell.....	61 84		20	81 84	129 59
Second, Poughkeepsie.....	491 75	60	60	611 75	621 75
Glenham.....	4	22 50		26 50	26 50
Cold Spring.....	20 50			20 50	20 50
First, Poughkeepsie.....	475 09		145	620 09	780 09
Fishkill.....		20	122 25	142 25	142 25
Hyde Park.....		15		15	15
Millbrook.....	28 21	5 75		33 96	48 96
Fishkill-on-Hudson.....	144 12			144 12	144 12
New Hackensack.....	41 25			41 25	121 25
Classis of Raritan.					
Third, Raritan.....	192 55	30 65	7 50	230 70	330 70
Branchville.....	31 50	20 22		51 72	51 72
Rockaway.....	63 90			63 90	63 90
Peapack.....		21 35		21 35	21 35
First, Raritan.....	74 47	22 82	20	117 29	192 29
Clinton Station.....		8 20		15 20	15 20
Pottersville.....	15 32	5		20 32	20 32
Readington.....	64 58	5 58		70 16	214 96
North Branch.....	115			115	215
Second, Raritan.....	115		75	217 64	275 39
Bedminster.....	142 64			303 18	313 18
High Bridge.....	174 50	50	78 68	323 68	323 68
Lebanon.....	22 36			22 36	22 36
New Centre Mts. Society.....	32 50	14 82		47 32	47 32
Fourth, Raritan.....					75
Classis of Rensselaer.					
Schodack Landing.....	113 08	63		176 08	176 08
Kinderhook.....	876 81	213 50		1,090 31	1,090 31
Suyvesant.....	52 20		120 20	172 40	172 40
First, Ghent.....	95	45		140	185
Nassau.....	50		30	80	126 16
Chatham.....	75	438 45		513 45	673 08
Blooming Grove.....	26 40	10 60		37	37
Greenbush.....	100 50	17 55		118 05	216 30
Schodack.....	75 36	34 64		110	110
Castleton.....	28			28	28
New Concord.....	5			5	5
Second, Ghent.....	23			23	23
Suyvesant Falls.....					
Classis of Saratoga.					
West Troy, South.....	56 30	110		166 30	166 30
Wynantskill.....	55	20		75	75
Buskirk's.....	44 75			44 75	82 25
West Troy, North.....	190 17	15		205 17	205 17
Cohoes.....	100			100	158 41
Union Village.....	21			21	21
Easton.....	25			25	25
Fort Miller.....	17			17	17

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CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	From Churches	From S. Schools	From Individ ^{ls}	Total.	Grand Total.
Classis of Saratoga.					
(CONTINUED.)					
Saratoga.....	85			85	85
Boght.....	8			8	18
Schaghticoke.....					
Gansevoort.....					
Northumberland.....					
Rensselaer.....					
Classis of Schenectady.					
First, Schenectady.....	12		200	212	389 25
Second, Glenville.....	24 25			24 25	24 25
First, Rotterdam.....	74 70	7 30	80	112	112
Niskayuna.....	138	27	5	170	200
First, Glenville.....	88 79	18 78	54 57	112 14	112 14
Princetown.....	31 86			31 86	31 86
Helderberg.....	37 50		25	62 50	95 50
Second, Rotterdam.....	13		18	26	26
Second, Schenectady.....	110 78	14 13		124 91	143 63
Lisha's Kill.....					25
Amity.....					29
Classis of Schoharie.					
Schoharie.....	77 61	40	20	137 61	137 61
Schoharie Mountain.....	8	4 64		12 64	12 64
Berne.....	25 25			25 25	32 75
Beaverdam.....	15 03			15 03	15 03
Gallupville.....	10 50		20 50	31	31
Lawersville.....	27 10			27 10	77 10
South, Gilboa.....	6			6	6
Middleburgh.....	11 16		30	41 16	61 16
Gilboa.....	15 64			15 64	115 64
Breakabin.....	20			20	20
Prattsville.....			5	5	5
Cash to Classis.....				13	13
Central Bridge.....					
Moresville.....					
North Blenheim.....					
Sharon.....					
Classis of Ulster.					
Caatsban.....	290 75	25	30	255 75	360 60
Kingston.....	347 71	150 05	385	883 66	883 66
Flatbush.....	22 90		12 65	32 55	70 08
Comforter, Wiltwyck.....		75 57		75 57	75 57
Port Ewen.....	33 85	6 30		40 15	40 15
Esopus.....			19	19	19
Blue Mountain.....	37 21			37 21	37 21
Plattekill.....	31 81	1 38		33 19	33 19
Roxbury.....	10			10	10
Saugerties.....	111 25		113 24	224 49	320 49
Shokan.....			40	40	40
Shandaken.....					
West Hurley.....					
Stewartville.....					
Woodstock.....					
Classis of Westchester.					
Bronxville.....	30 90	2 41		33 31	33 31
Greenville.....	25 09			25 09	25 09
Hastings.....	29 50			29 50	29 50
Mount Vernon.....	227 02	50		277 02	380 02

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	From Churches	From S.Schools	From Individ'ls	Total.	Grand Total.
Classis of Westchester.					
(CONTINUED.)					
Fordham.....	49 84		290	339 64	369 64
Peekskill.....	28 14	6 30	178 10	212 54	212 54
Yonkers.....	65 52	104	125	294 52	314 53
First, Tarrytown.....	94		3	97	145 28
Second, Tarrytown.....		60	160	220	220
Melrose (German).....	10			10	10
Unionville.....	12 03			12 03	12 03
Cortlandtown.....	3 22			3 22	47 10
West Farms.....	8			8	8
Greenburgh.....					
Classis of Wisconsin.					
Fulton.....	80 70	81		161 70	207 95
Bethlehem.....	26 50			26 50	26 50
Peoria.....	12 49	7 20		19 69	19 69
Chicago.....	50	262		312	312
Cedar Grove.....	40 26	30	105	175 26	175 26
Franklin.....	24			24	24
Alto.....	139 47	13 50	155 03	308	308
First, Holland, Neb.....	31	60	70 75	161 75	161 75
Gibbsville.....	57 50	72 58	80	210 08	210 08
Pella, Neb.....			5	5	5
Ebenezer, Oregon, Ill.....	14 85			14 85	14 85
Philadelphia, Kan.....	3 25			3 25	3 25
Milwaukee.....	88 61		295	383 61	383 61
South Holland.....	135 64	44 86	6	186 50	186 50
Silver Creek.....	242			242	242
Danforth.....	15 43		5	20 43	20 43
Roseland..... [etc.	316 50			316 50	316 50
Miss. Convention, Cedar Grove,				21 60	21 60
Oostburg.....					20
Greenleafston.....					
Forreston.....					
Lansing.....					
Sheboygan Falls.....					
Baileyville.....					
Pella Ill.....					

FROM INDIVIDUALS, NOT THROUGH CHURCHES.

'A'.....	\$120	Mrs. Geo. W. Du Bois.....	30
M. F. C.....	10	"Geneva".....	15
Rev. J. M. Van Buren.....	200	L. H.....	1
A. B. F.....	3	Rev. F. N. Zabriskie, D.D.....	10
For support of Rev. E. C. Scud-		Mrs. J. H. Karsten.....	5
der, Jr.....	500	A Christian Woman.....	1 50
For support of Rev. N. H.		For a Catechist in India.....	90
Demarest.....	500	Mrs. S. E. Williamson, Cleve-	
For support of a girl in India.	40	land, O.....	7 35
P. C. Pitsford, Hudson, Mich..	10	A Church Member, New York.	2
Katie M. Fagg, Madison, Wis..	1	Mrs. C. M. Mead.....	5
Dying gift of J. E. Fagg, Mad-		Mrs. Chas. Van Wyck.....	5
ison, Wis.....	5	A Reader of <i>Christian Intelli-</i>	
Mrs. Peter Fagg, Madison, Wis.	3	<i>gencer</i>	2
"Privilege," Catskill, N. Y....	5	M. T. Scudder.....	1
Mrs. Kate V. D. Searle.....	20	F. K. Morehouse.....	30
S. C.....	10	James E. Hedges.....	100
Rev. John Forsyth, D.D.....	50	Four Hoppers.....	60
A Friend of Missions.....	20	A. S. Man, Rondout, N. Y.....	1
Miss A. Van Wagenen.....	10	Mrs. M. E. Scott, Philadelphia.	9
Mrs. W. H. Jackson, Phelps,		Forest Glen.....	1
N. Y.....	10	Rev. E. C. Scudder, D.D.....	7
A Friend, Montclair, Fla.....	3 90	Rev. Wm. Brush.....	10
M. S., New York.....	50	Charles S. Ward.....	10
Sarah C. Deyo, Kingston, N. Y.	5	"A," Trumansburgh, N. Y....	7 50
H. Pelgrim, Grand Rapids,		For Mrs. Conklin's use.....	15
Mich.....	120	Subscriber to <i>Christian Intelli-</i>	
A. M. V. Z.....	15	<i>gencer</i>	5
Rev. J. Knieskern, Cortlandt,		Mrs. Chas. Young, In Memo-	
N. Y.....	10	riam.....	30
Miss Effie Demarest, Nyack		Rev. C. Van der Veen.....	12
Turnpike.....	5	J. G. Remberg's Children.....	6
D. T. Lennon, Palenville, N. Y.	10	A. D. W. M.....	50
Cash.....	26	B. M. Polhemus.....	5
Wm. Bouwerman, Plainville,		Cash, A. R.....	20
Mich.....	5	Rev. J. F. Morris, Bushnell, Ill.	30
Miss Douw, Albany, N. Y.....	25	Rev. J. Chamberlain, D.D.....	20
Mr. and Mrs. J. T., Lansing,		Family Miss. Box, E. R. A....	54 50
N. Y.....	50	Mrs. Grenville Winthrop.....	50
Cash, Albany, N. Y.....	125	T. and M.....	10
Miss O. H. Lawrence, N. Y....	5	Cash, Schoharie Classis.....	3
Mrs. S. R. Brown, Cleveland, O.	60 50	Friends to Missions.....	25
Privilege.....	4	Cash, Coxsackie, N. Y.....	1
Rev. C. N. Waldron, Detroit,		Continued.....	3
Mich.....	100	D. P. Conover, Gilboa, N. Y....	100
Rev. T. S. Hastings, D.D.....	10	Son of a Missionary.....	5
In Memoriam, S. C.....	25	F. C.....	6
Rev. J. E. Bernart.....	5		
Rev. J. N. Jansen.....	25	Total.....	\$3,068 60
Mrs. Wm. Pitcher, Rose, N. Y.	4 35		
Isaac Cantine, Stone Ridge,			
N. Y.....	12		

From Miscellaneous Sources.

Infant Class, Tompkins Avenue Congregational Church, Brooklyn.....	\$30
Pine Creek Sunday School, Holland, Mich.	5 46
Woman's Board.....	8,237 56
Interest.....	919 62
Freight on goods to China and India.....	13 23
Passage money refunded, P. M. S. S. Co.....	28
Ladies' Missionary Society, Orangeburgh, S. C.....	1
Sunday School Presbyterian Church, Pine Plains, N. Y....	30
Mite Box, 9,316.....	8 75
Orange City Dorcas Vereeniging.....	75
Union Missionary Meeting, Paterson, N. J.....	9 01
Mission Sunday School, New Haven, Conn.....	8
Sunday School Presbyterian Church, Parsippany, N. J.....	35
Premium on Bonds.....	25 82
Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Mongaup Valley, N. Y.....	7 85
Cross Roads Mission Sunday School, Elizabeth, N. J.....	25
Missionary Society, New Centre, N. J.....	75
For Mite Boxes	10 10
Young Ladies' Society, Holland, Mich.....	25
Bright Hope Mission Band, Unionville, N. J.....	20
Hertzog Hall Mission Circle.....	37 50
Cash.....	9 29
Total.....	<u>\$9,636 19</u>

From Legacies.

Interest, Estate Eleanor Webb.....	\$15
Dr. C. H. P. McLellan, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.....	3,790 89
Rev. T. B. Romeyn, D.D., Hackensack, N. J.....	500
Amanda Lansing.....	<u>1,000</u>
Total.....	<u>\$5,305 89</u>

RECEIPTS FROM CLASSES.

CLASSES OF SYNOD OF New York.	From Churches	From S. Schools	From Individ'ls	Total.	Grand Total.
Hudson.....	797 96	163 76	173	1,134 72	1,276 63
Kingston.....	523 16	147 13	38 50	708 79	878
North Long Island.....	1,089 86	533 50	419 26	2,042 62	2,205 53
South Long Island.....	4,472 83	507 40	520 20	5,500 43	6,210 62
New York.....	5,478 15	872 49	4,659 55	11,010 19	12,290 89
Orange.....	1,448 43	201 51	474 15	2,124 09	2,381 53
Poughkeepsie.....	1,337 32	123 25	352 25	1,812 82	2,125 57
Westchester.....	583 06	222 71	756 10	1,561 87	1,807 04
Total.....	15,730 77	2,771 75	7,393 01	25,896 53	29,195 74
Albany.					
Albany.....	2,136 48	43 54	451 40	2,631 42	3,075 68
Cayuga.....	277 53	65	504 50	847 03	1,091 29
Geneva.....	420 77	179 03	56 75	657 45	731 26
Greene.....	646 70	101 13	15 75	763 58	1,011 55
Montgomery.....	1,078 74	221 45	37 95	1,338 14	1,472 32
Rensselaer.....	1,520 35	822 74	150 20	2,493 29	2,744 33
Saratoga.....	602 22	145	747 22	1,494 89	1,853 13
Schenectady.....	480 88	67 21	327 57	875 66	1,188 63
Schoharie.....	216 29	44 64	75 50	336 43	526 93
Ulster.....	795 48	259 20	509 89	1,564 57	1,884 95
Total.....	8,175 44	1,949 84	2,219 51	12,344 79	14,581 07
New Brunswick.					
Bergen.....	569 08	101 58	492 30	1,163 86	1,333 86
South Bergen.....	871 74	124 86	518 46	1,515 06	1,915 11
Monmouth.....	391 07	83 30	182	606 37	706 68
Newark.....	4,059 27	530 13	318 20	4,907 60	5,296 94
New Brunswick.....	1,157 16	389 76	892 15	2,439 07	2,646 79
Paramus.....	1,620 48	645 23	577 46	2,843 17	3,569 49
Passaic.....	502 70	176 42	424 14	1,103 26	1,183 26
Philadelphia.....	1,355 63	312 30	196 63	1,864 56	2,271 06
Raritan.....	936 32	178 64	181 18	1,296 14	1,853 69
Total.....	11,464 35	2,492 22	3,782 52	17,740 09	20,796 88
Chicago.					
Grand River.....	516 09	415 26	477 50	1,408 94	1,448 94
Holland.....	760 20	685 92	643 25	2,089 37	2,286 13
Illinois.....	366 16	86 94	172	625 10	660 85
Iowa.....	341 12	13	30	364 12	459 12
Michigan.....	175 67	94 04	6 50	276 21	296 94
Wisconsin.....	1,299 80	571 14	721 78	2,592 72	2,658 97
Total.....	3,459 04	1,866 30	2,051 12	7,376 46	7,810 95
Grand Total.....	\$38,829 60	\$9,080 11	\$15,456 16	\$63,355 87	\$72,354 64

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

*Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of
the Reformed Church in America.*

RECEIPTS.

May 1st, 1885, Balance on hand.....		\$3,552 84
Acquackanonck, N. J., Auxiliary.....		200
Albany, N. Y., First Church, Auxiliary.....		139 80
" " Madison Avenue, Second Church, Auxiliary.....	\$197	
" " " " " " Boys' Club.....	67	264
" " A Friend to Missions.....		250
Alexandria Bay.....		32
Albany, Third Church Auxiliary.....		25
Amity, N. Y., Auxiliary.....		20
Astoria, L. I.....		84 85
Athenia, N. J., First Reformed, Centreville.....		13 26
Belleville, N. J.....		28
Brooklyn, L. I., First Church Auxiliary, Joralemon Street.....		40
" Bedford Avenue Auxiliary.....	70	
" " Crystal Society.....	60	
" " Little Helpers.....	80 01	210 01
" Church-on-Heights Auxiliary.....		133
" Twelfth Street Church Auxiliary.....		60
" South Reformed Auxiliary.....		92
" Bedford Reformed Auxiliary.....		37 25
Bethlehem, Albany Co., N. Y.....		33 44
Band of Little Workers, Buskirks.....		37 50
Bergen Point, N. J.....		50
Bushnell, Ill., Sunday School.....		15 75
Bushwick, South, Sunday School ..		32
Boght Reformed Church Auxiliary.....		10
Bergen, South Reformed Church Auxiliary.....		14 25
Catskill Auxiliary.....	93 54	
" Mrs. Isaac Pruyn.....	10	103 54
Caatsban Auxiliary.....	104 85	
" Sunday School.....	55	159 85
Canajoharie.....		34
Canastota Auxiliary.....		14 09
Claverack, N. Y., Willing Workers.....		6 40
Chatham.....		61 63
Clarksville, N. Y.....		11
Cedar Grove, Wis., Work and Praying Band.....		105
Centreville, Mich., Auxiliary.....		15 40
Clover Hill Auxiliary.....		16
Cohoes.....		58 41
Colt's Neck.....		50 31
Closter, N. J.....		32 30
Coxsackie, First Reformed Auxiliary.....		22
" Second Reformed Auxiliary.....		71 20
Easton, Pa., Auxiliary.....		36 40

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East Greenbush, N. Y.....		98 25
Ellenville.....		52 06
Ebenezer, Mich., Young Ladies' Society.....		7 50
Farmer Village.....		63 81
Flatbush, Ulster Co., Auxiliary.....	19 73	
" " Sunday School.....	14 80	34 53
" L. I., Auxiliary.....		156 50
Flushing, " ".....		22
Fonda.....		63 18
Fordham.....		60
Fishkill Auxiliary.....	60	
" Sunday School.....	20	
" Brinkerhoff Mission Band.....	14 25	94 25
Fulton, Ill.....		46 25
Freehold, N. J.....		50
Franklin Park, Mission Guild.....	147 02	
" " Auxiliary.....	10	157 02
Ghent, First Reformed.....		45
Grand Rapids, Fourth Church.....		6
Grand Haven, First ".....		30
Gravesend, L. I., Auxiliary.....		102 44
Gibbsville, Wis.....		80
Greenville, N. J., Auxiliary.....		204 65
Griggstown, N. J.....		58 10
Guilderland, N. Y.....		5
Greenport, Col. Co., Auxiliary.....	30	
" Mission Circle.....	3 26	
" Red Hill, Sunday School.....	27 74	61
Greenpoint, L. I.....		50
Hackensack, N. J., First Reformed Auxiliary.....		200
Herkimer.....		6
Harlingen, N. J.....		25
High Falls, Auxiliary.....		8
High Bridge Union Reformed.....		60
Helderburgh.....		28
Hopewell, Auxiliary.....	47 75	
" Three Ladies of.....	20	67 75
Holmdel, N. J.....		50
Holland, Mich., Auxiliary in Three Churches.....	45 11	
" Young Ladies' Society.....	25	
" Married Ladies' Society.....	26 15	96 26
" Hope Reformed.....		5 33
Hudson, N. Y., Auxiliary.....		123 51
Hampton, North and South.....		50 80
Jamaica, L. I.....		57 05
Jersey City, Lafayette Reformed Auxiliary.....	105	
" " Memorial Mission Band.....	34	139
" " Second Reformed Auxiliary.....		87 05
" " Heights, Bergen Reformed Auxiliary.....	200 56	
" " Nellie Amerman Mission Circle.....	15	215 56
Kalamazoo, Mich., Mission Circle.....		40
Kiskatom, N. Y., Auxiliary.....		43 23
Kingston, N. Y., Fair Street Reformed Auxiliary.....	110 71	
" " " Mrs. C. H. Stitt.....	5	115 71
Lawyersville, N. Y., Auxiliary.....		50
Linlithgow, for two years.....		30
Lisha's Kill, N. Y., Auxiliary.....		25
Lodi, N. Y.....		10
Leeds, N. Y.....		7
Mahwah, N. J.....		25 40

Metuchen, N. J., Auxiliary.....		28	35
Mt. Vernon, N. Y., Auxiliary.....		103	
Montville, N. J., Auxiliary.....		65	
Middleburgh, N. Y., Auxiliary.....		20	
Middletown, N. J., Auxiliary.....		60	
Millbrook, N. Y., Auxiliary.....		15	
Mott Haven, N. Y., Auxiliary.....		91	
Middlebush, N. J., Auxiliary.....		15	
Montrose and Verplanck's Auxiliary.....	11	60	
" " " Mission Boxes.....	15	83	
" " " Band.....	16	45	43 83
Nassau, N. Y., Auxiliary.....		-76	16
Niskayuna, Auxiliary.....		30	
Neshanic, Auxiliary.....		30	
Newburg, Auxiliary.....		245	
New Baltimore, N. Y., Auxiliary.....		89	52
New Hackensack, N. Y., Auxiliary.....		80	
New Paltz, N. Y., Auxiliary.....		45	50
New Hurley, N. Y., Auxiliary.....		10	38
New Utrecht, L. I., Auxiliary.....		204	
Newark, N. J., First Reformed Auxiliary.....	16	30	
" " " Sunday School.....	35		51 30
" " Second " Ready Helpers.....			10
" " Clinton Avenue Auxiliary.....			109 49
" " North Reformed Treasure Seekers Infant Class.....	62		
" " " " Birthday Offerings, Infant Class.....	4		
" " " " Auxiliary.....	127	45	193 45
New Brunswick, N. J., First Reformed Auxiliary.....	217		
" " " Miss Eliza Van Deusen.....	10		227
" " " Second Reformed Auxiliary.....	160		
" " " " Primary Class.....	15	15	
" " " " Mrs. D. O. Vail.....	120		
" " " " Sunday School.....	130		425 15
" " " Suydam Street Auxiliary.....			19 25
New York City, Fifth Ave. and Forty-eighth St. Auxiliary.....	339		
" " " " Mrs. S. H. M., }	80		
In Memoriam.....			
New York City, Fifth Ave. and Forty-eight St. In Memoriam.....	20		
" " " " Sunday School.....	50		489
" " " and Twenty-ninth St. Auxiliary.....	450	50	
" " " Dewitt Missionary Band.....	1	07	
" " " Birthday Offering.....	3		454 57
" " Mrs. Jonathan Sturges.....			1,120
" " Miss Josephine Penfold.....			120
" " South Reformed Auxiliary.....			100
" " Fourth Street Collegiate Auxiliary.....			102 25
" " Madison Ave. and Fifty-seventh St.....			350
" " Thirty-fourth St Auxiliary.....			75
" " 121st St. and Third Ave. Harlem Auxiliary.....			200
" " Eighty-fifth St. Prospect Hill.....			64 21
" " Sixth Ave. Reformed, Ferris Auxiliary.....	75		
" " " Faith Mission Band.....	31		106
" " North Dutch Collegiate Sunday School.....			17 16
North Branch, N. J.....			50
" Depot, N. J., Mission Circle.....			50
Nyack Auxiliary.....	259		
" Blauvelt Memorial.....	100		
" Girls' Mission Circle.....	65		424
Oostburg, Wis.....			20
Owasco Outlet, N. Y.....			5

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Orange, N. J., Auxiliary.....		92
Passaic, " North Reformed Conklin Mission Band.....	76	
" " " Auxiliary.....	56 30	132 30
Paramus, N. J., Workers for Jesus.....	11 06	
" " Willing Workers.....	13 25	
" " Sunday School.....	7 95	32 26
Paterson, " First Holland.....		12
" " First Reformed Auxiliary.....	26	
" " " Mission Band.....	40	
" " " Infant Class, two years.....	40	106
" " Second Reformed Auxiliary.....		23 06
Pella, Iowa, Little Workers.....		30
Peekskill Auxiliary.....		27
Pompton Plains, N. J., Auxiliary.....		10
Pompton, N. J.....		70
Poughkeepsie, First Reformed Auxiliary.....	185	
" " Young People's Society.....	60	
" " Miss Alice Dockstader.....	60	305
" " Second Reformed Auxiliary.....		70
Plainfield, N. J., Trinity Church Auxiliary.....		27
Port Jackson, N. Y.....		31 05
Port Richmond, S. I.....		83 60
Philadelphia, First Church Auxiliary.....	81 50	
" " Young Ladies.....	40	121 50
" " Second Church Auxiliary.....	84 50	
" " Young Ladies.....	55	
" " Sunday School Mite Boxes.....	37	176 50
" " Third Church Auxiliary.....		43
" " Missionary Basket.....		79 10
Piermont, N. Y.....		41 66
Raritan, N. J., Third Reformed.....		100
Raritan, Ill.....		30
Readington, N. J.....		144 80
Rotterdam, West Auxiliary.....		30
Saugerties, N. Y.....		84 20
Somerville, N. J., First Reformed Auxiliary.....		75
" " Second Reformed Auxiliary.....	57 75	
" " Wide Awake Mission Band.....	60	117 75
Spring Valley, Auxiliary.....		44
Schenectady, First Church Auxiliary.....	102 25	
" " Griffiths Band.....	75	177 25
" " Second Church Auxiliary.....		18 72
Schoharie, N. Y.....		20
Tappan, N. Y., Auxiliary.....	19 60	
" " Sunday School.....	11 76	31 36
Tarrytown, N. Y., First Church Auxiliary.....		51 28
" " Second Church Auxiliary.....		160
Unionville, N. J., Bright Hope Mission Band.....		20
Utica, N. Y., Auxiliary.....	173 17	
" " Christ Church Sunday School.....	30	203 17
Upper Red Hook, Scudder Memorial.....		75
Warwick Auxiliary.....		54
Westerlo, N. Y.....		8 50
Wyckoff, N. J.....		30
Yonkers, Mission Band.....	20 01	
" " Auxiliary.....	120	140 01
Zeeland, Married Women's Society.....		93
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		\$18,550 36

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS.

Mrs. C. Van Wyck.....	\$5	
Mrs. W. H. Jackson.....	5	
Mrs. J. H. Van Doren.....	5	
Miss Florence Morehouse.....	30	
Mrs. Chas. Young, in Memoriam, C. H. B	30	
Miss Band.....	8	
Mrs. W. B. Walker, in Memoriam, Little Martha.....	20	
Mrs. Geo. Dubois.....	30	
A Friend of Missions.....	5	
Mrs. Annie M. Sheffield.....	25	
A Friend of Missions.....	20	
In Memoriam, Charlotte W. Duryee, by her mother.....	200	
" " " by her sisters.....	80	
Editress Mission Gleaner.....	20	
A Friend of Missions.....	10	
Mrs. D. P. Ingraham, for the debt.....	20	
Mrs. Samuel W. Howland.....	5	
Miss A. Van Wagenen.....	10	
Thank Offering.....	25	
Miss Eleanor Bergen.....	5	
M. W. G.'s Mission Box	3	
A Member of the Dutch Church for the debt.	2	
Gleaner Receipts.....	275 23	
Mrs. Becker.....	2	\$841 73
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		\$19,391 09
		162 03
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		\$19,553 12
Interest on Nagaski Fund to date.....		

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Rev. Henry N. Cobb, D.D., Cor. Sec.....	\$14,058 27	
" Mr. G. G. Smith, Treas.....	613 46	
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Total Amount paid to Synod's Board.....		\$15,271 73
" Mr. R. Brinkerhoff, for Reports, etc.....		370 62
" " Stationery for Secretary		14 25
" Anniversary Expenses.....		8 75
" Cash Book.....		2 75
" Receipt Book		5
" Rogers & Sherwood, Printers of Gleaner.....		253
" Editress Gleaner.....		100
" Agent's Expenses.....		30
" Postage, etc., on Gleaner.....		9 28
" Delegate to Fonda.....		7 80
" Postage and Stationery.....		8
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Total Disbursements.....		\$16,081 18
Nagasaki Balance, May 1st, 1885.....	\$2,614 27	
Interest to Date.....	162 03	
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Nagasaki Balance, May 1st, 1886.....	\$2,776 30	
Medical Mission Balance.....	307	
Mission Gleaner.....	18 15	
General Balance.....	370 49	
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Total Balance	\$3,471 94	

MRS. PETER DONALD, Treasurer,
39 West 46th St., New York City.

The undersigned having examined the foregoing accounts and compared the vouchers, finds the same to be correct, and that the balance in the treasury is three thousand four hundred and seventy-one 94-100 dollars, of which two thousand seven hundred and seventy-six 30-100 dollars belong to the Nagasaki Fund.

New York, April 30, 1886.

TALBOT W. CHAMBERS.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

The Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America in Account with GAMALIEL G. SMITH, Treasurer.

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April 30, 1886.	ARCOT MISSION.	
To cash disbursements during year.....		\$25,908 89
	AMOY MISSION.	
To cash disbursements during year.....		13,933 77
	JAPAN MISSION.	
To cash disbursements during year.....		34,821 72
To cash paid Corresponding Secretary for salary.....		\$2,399 99
" Assistant Treasurer for salary		800
" Bookkeeper for salary		500
" Postage, Home and Foreign		163 23
" Rent of office		613 25
" Traveling expenses		399 46
" On account of "Mission Monthly"		133 88
" Incidental expenses		112 98
" Printing "Annual Report," etc.....		752 64
" Books, Magazines and Mite Boxes		291 82
" Care of office and repairs.....		173 70
		<hr/> 5,840 95
" Loans due banks.....		\$28,000
" Interest on loans.....		1,536 52
" Premiums, exchange of bonds.....		711 78
		<hr/> 30,248 30
" Balance in Treasury		611 95
		<hr/> <hr/> \$111,365 58

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April 30, 1885.		
By Balance in Treasury, last report.....		\$497 03
April 30, 1886.		
Cash received from Churches.....		\$38,889 60
" " Sunday Schools.....		9,080 11
" " Individuals through Churches.....		15,456 16
" " Individuals not through Churches.....		3,068 60
" " Miscellaneous Sources.....		9,636 19
" " Legacies.....		5,305 89
		<hr/> 81,386 55
Borrowed from Banks during year		29,500
		<hr/> <hr/> \$111,365 58

NEW YORK, May 11th, 1886.

Examined and found correct. We also find in the possession of the Treasurer of the Board, securities amounting to Thirty-nine thousand six hundred dollars.

JAMES A. WILLIAMSON.

NEW YORK, May 11th, 1886.

N. B.—Of the receipts reported above from miscellaneous sources, \$8,237.56, and of the others \$7,134.33, making a total of \$15,371.89, were paid into the Treasury by Mrs. Peter Donald, Treasurer of the Woman's Board. Due banks April 30th, 1886, \$10,500. On deposit at interest in U. S. Trust Co., for Wm. H. Steele, Jr., Memorial at Nagasaki, gift of Rev. Wm. H. Steele, D.D., \$5,000.

JOHN M. FERRIS, *Treasurer.*

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES,

FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR, 1885.

(In compliance with a resolution of the General Synod, 1884,)

FOR THE AMOY MISSION.

<i>Salaries</i> —Rev. J. V. N. Talmage, D.D., \$1,100 gold.....	\$1,265	
Rev. L. W. Kip, D.D., \$1,100 gold.....	1,265	
Rev. D. Rapalje, $\frac{1}{2}$ month.....	22	35
Rev. P. W. Pitcher, 2 months.....	211	17
Rev. A. S. Van Dyck, \$700 gold.....	805	
Miss M. K. Talmage, \$600 gold.....	690	
Miss M. E. Talmage, \$600 gold.....	690	\$4,948 52
<i>Traveling Expenses</i> —Miss Kipp, Hong Kong to Amoy.....	34	76
Dr. Talmage and wife, to Australia and back.....	860	84
Mr. Van Dyck, to Foochow and back.....	48	90
Advanced for Land and Parsonage at Sio-Khe.....		700
Alterations in former Theological School Building and Road...		449 72
Mr. Pitcher, balance of outfit.....		73 78
Poor Fund.....		20
Bible Women.....	45	68
Personal Teachers.....	83	11
Students.....	494	34
<i>Schools</i> —Parochial.....	167	13
Boys' Intermediate (our portion).....	338	57
Girls, \$412.47, less donations, \$77.45.....	334	72
<i>Gospel Boat</i> —All expenses.....		269 20
<i>Traveling Expenses</i> of Native Helpers.....		283 70
<i>Out Stations</i> —Expenses of 14 stations outside of Amoy.....		2,200 29
<i>Current Expenses</i> —Public Worship.....	41	
Medical.....	374	37
Printing.....	52	14
Rents, taxes and repairs.....	335	56
Miscellaneous.....	158	60
Country trips to Missions.....	93	35
		<u>1,054 92</u>
		\$12,398 18
<i>Paid in America</i> —Rev. D. Rapalje, salary and house rent.....	\$1,399 64	
Rev. D. Rapalje, outfit and traveling expenses.....	900	
Rev. P. W. Pitcher, outfit and traveling expenses, etc.	1,368	
Freight and insurance on above households.....	140	45
		<u>3,708 09</u>
Total for the Amoy Mission.....		\$16,106 27

FOR THE ARCOT MISSION.

<i>Salaries</i> —			Rupees.
Rev. W. W. Scudder.....	2,992	0	0
Rev. J. W. Scudder.....	2,992	0	0
Rev. John Scudder.....	2,992	0	0
Rev. J. W. Conkling (1 child).....	3,148	0	0
Rev. L. Hekhuis.....	1,995	0	0
Rev. E. C. Scudder, Jr.....	1,995	0	0
Miss M. K. Scudder.....	1,622	0	0
Miss J. C. Scudder.....	1,622	0	0
Rev. J. H. Wyckoff, 4 months.....	1,170	9	2
			<u>20,528 9 2</u>

<i>Native Assistants—</i>			
Salaries of Pastors, Catechists, Readers, and expenses.....			7,933 13 9
<i>Arcot Seminary—</i>			
Teachers' salaries, board, clothing, books, Normal Class, etc.....	5,856	2 11	
Less fees, 502 12 0; gov. grant, 776 14 4.....	1,279	10 4	4,576 8 7
<i>Female Seminary—</i>			
Teachers' salaries, board, clothing, books, etc....	2,405	13 10	
Less fees, 400 8 0; gov. grant, 633 13 4; Donations, 200 15 4.....	1,235	4 8	1,170 9 2
<i>Vernacular Schools—</i>			
Amount expended at Stations and Out Stations, including Anglo-Vernacular Schools.....	9,719	11 10	
Less fees, 1,118 14 6; gov. grants, 1,398 4 4; sale of books, etc., 568 8 9.....	3,085	11 7	6,634 0 3
<i>Hindu Girls' Schools—</i>			
Teachers' salaries and expenses of 6 schools....	2,484	7 0	
Less fees 148 0 0; gov. grant, 1,398 4 4; donations, 89 7 0.....	1,571	15 0	912 8 0
<i>Madanapalle Boys' School—</i>			
Teachers' salaries, board, clothing, books, etc....	946	15 9	
Less fees, 89 7 0; gov. grant, 151 12 0.....	214	3 0	705 12 9
<i>Madanapalle Girls' School—</i>			
Teachers' salaries, board, clothing, books, etc....	1,027	13 8	
Less fees, 110 0 0; gov. grant, 121 2 0.....	231	2 0	796 11 8
<i>Preparandi School, Tindivanam—</i>			
Teachers' salaries, board, clothing, books, etc....	917	8 2	
Less fees.....	24	0 0	893 8 2
<i>Building Department—</i>			
Expended at Stations and Out Stations.....			950 2 3
<i>Rents and Repairs—</i>			
Expended at Stations and Out Stations, including Coonoor and Royapooram.....			3,218 4 9
<i>Touring and Traveling—</i>			
Touring, Visiting Hills, Mission Meetings, etc....			2,016 1 2
<i>Medical Department—</i>			
Medicines, doctors' fees, etc., for the whole Mission.....			475 15 3
<i>Library Fund—</i>			
Annual grant to Mission Library.....			100 0 0.
<i>Miscellaneous Charges—</i>			
Care of Churches and Cemeteries, 336 8 0: postage, 191 14 0; Communion Wine, 41 8 6; bank charges, stamps, etc., 94 6 9; printing and mailing Annual Report, 71 0 0; stationery, 36 7 4, Tappal Coolies, etc., 56 8 0; Sundries, 31 7 0.....			850 11 7
<i>Outside the Annual Appropriation—</i>			
Rev. J. H. Wyckoff, passage of family to London.....	1,320	0 0	
Rev. J. H. Wyckoff, outfit and allowance.....	850	0 0	
Traveling Letter of Credit furnished Mr. Wyckoff.....	1,508	5 6	
Subscription to Evangelical Review, 2 years.....	10	2 0	
Amounts contributed in America for special purposes.....	245	7 8	3,933 15 2
			55,706 3 8
The Rupee is equal to 40 cents, therefore this amount of Rupees is equivalent in U. S. Currency to.....			
			\$22,282 40

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Paid in America—

L. B. Chamberlain, \$12.50 monthly allowance....	\$150	
Rev. J. Chamberlain, salary and house rent.....	1,524 50	
W. I. Chamberlain, \$50; C. Chamberlain, \$175....	225	
J. Heeren.....	175	
Rev. John Scudder's 4 children.....	600	
Rev. J. W. Scudder, 1 child.....	50	
Rev. W. W. Scudder, 3 children.....	375	
Rev. J. H. Wyckoff, salary and rent.....	979 17	\$4,078 67

Total for the Arcot Mission.....		\$26,361 07
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FOR THE JAPAN MISSION.

FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1884, ONLY.

(NOTE.—The fiscal year of the Japan Mission previous to 1885 closed November 30th. The expenditures for December, 1884, were not, therefore, included in last year's Report and are presented here. The year has since been changed for the sake of uniformity.)

Salaries—

Rev. H. Stout, 1 month, U. S. gold.....	\$100	
Rev. N. H. Demarest, U. S. gold.....	100	
Rev. G. F. Verbeck, U. S. gold.....	100	
Rev. J. L. Amerman, U. S. gold.....	100	
Rev. J. H. Ballagh, U. S. gold.....	100	
Rev. E. R. Miller, U. S. gold.....	100	
Rev. E. S. Booth, U. S. gold.....	100	
Rev. H. Harris, U. S. gold.....	100	
Prof. M. N. Wyckoff, U. S. gold.....	100	
Miss M. L. Winn, U. S. gold.....	50	
Miss A. H. Ballagh, U. S. gold.....	50	
Miss M. E. Brokaw, U. S. gold.....	50	
Miss H. L. Winn, U. S. gold.....	50	1,100

Childrens' Allowance—

Rev. H. Stout, 2.....	16 66	
Rev. N. H. Demarest, 1.....	8 33	
Rev. G. F. Verbeck, 6.....	50	
Rev. J. L. Amerman, 2.....	16 66	
Rev. E. S. Booth, 2.....	16 66	
Prof. M. N. Wyckoff, 4.....	33 33	141 64

House Rents—

Rev. Messrs. Verbeck, Amerman, Miller, Ballagh, Harris and Wyckoff, \$58.34 each.....	350 04
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Teachers and Literary Assistants—

Rev. Messrs. Stout, \$16.60; Verbeck, \$12.80; Miller, \$12.30; Amerman, \$8.20; Booth, 8.34, and three lady teachers, \$19.93.....	77 72
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Traveling Expenses—

Nagasaki Station.....	5 89	
Tokyo-Yokohama.....	1 64	7 53

Evangelistic Work—

Nagasaki Station—Kagoshima.....	29 75	
Saga.....	25 53	
Karume.....	31 54	
Tokyo-Yokohama Station.....	244 20	331 02

Schools—Union Theological School—

Students' support.....	54 12	
Rev. K. Ibuka.....	30 75	
1/8 current expenses.....	18 70	103 57

Sandham Hall—Current expenses.....		41
Isaac Ferris Seminary.....		492
<i>Nagasaki Station—</i>		
Theological students' support.....	53 98	
Rev. A. Segawa.....	19 09	73 07
Boy's School.....		26 56
<i>Mission Property—Nagasaki Chapel</i>		19 44
<i>Medical Bills—Nagasaki Station</i>	3 35	
Tokyo-Yokohama.....	11 09	14 44
<i>Synod Expenses—</i> $\frac{1}{8}$ Dai Kai.....		17 34
<i>Miscellaneous Expenses</i>		35
<i>Special—Rev. H. Stout</i>		10
Total for the Japan Mission for December, 1884.....		\$2,805 68

FOR THE JAPAN MISSION.

FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR, 1885.

<i>Salaries—</i>		
Rev. H. Stout, U. S. gold.....	\$1,200	
Rev. N. H. Demarest, U. S. gold.....	1,200	
Rev. G. F. Verbeck, U. S. gold.....	1,200	
Rev. J. L. Amerman, U. S. gold.....	1,200	
Rev. J. H. Ballagh, U. S. gold.....	800	
Rev. E. R. Miller, U. S. gold.....	1,200	
Rev. E. L. Booth, U. S. gold.....	1,200	
Rev. H. Harris, U. S. gold.....	1,200	
Prof. M. N. Wyckoff, U. S. gold.....	1,200	
Prof. O. N. Benton, U. S. gold.....	390 50	
Miss C. E. Ballagh, U. S. gold.....	200	
Miss M. L. Winn, U. S. gold.....	600	
Miss A. H. Ballagh, U. S. gold.....	580	
Miss M. E. Brokaw, U. S. gold.....	600	
Miss C. B. Richards, U. S. gold.....	175	
Miss H. L. Winn, U. S. gold.....	82 60	13,028 10
<i>Childrens' Allowance—</i>		
Rev. H. Stout.....	200	
Rev. N. H. Demarest.....	91 64	
Rev. G. F. Verbeck.....	500	
Rev. J. L. Amerman.....	200	
Rev. E. S. Booth.....	166 67	
Prof. M. N. Wyckoff.....	400	1,558 31
<i>House Rents—</i>		
Rev. Messrs. Verbeck, Amerman, Miller, Ballagh and Wyckoff, \$700 each, and Harris, \$562.04..		4,062 04
<i>Teachers and Literary Assistants—</i>		
Rev. H. Stout.....	198 47	
Rev. N. H. Demarest.....	60 29	
Rev. G. F. Verbeck.....	78 47	
Rev. J. L. Amerman.....	158 66	
Rev. E. R. Miller.....	175 17	
Rev. E. S. Booth.....	100	
Prof. M. N. Wyckoff.....	25 50	
Misses Ballagh and Winn.....	91 67	
Miss M. E. Brokaw.....	138 49	1,026 72
<i>Traveling Expenses—</i>		
Tokyo-Yokohama Station.....	398 58	
Nagasaki Station Annual Meeting.....	202 29	
" " Mr. and Mrs. Demarest.....	46	

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

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Delegates to Chu and Dai Kwai.....	67 04	
Evangelistic Work	111 72	765 68
<i>Evangelistic Work—</i>		
Nagasaki Station—Kagoshima.....	274 20	
Saga.....	341 52	
Kurume.....	209 84	
Rev. J. Tomegawa.....	161	
Students' Summer work.....	33 68	
Books and tracts.....	73 33	
Tokyo—Yokohama Station.....	2,847 54	3,941 11
<i>Schools—Union Theological School—</i>		
Students' support.....	512 34	
Rev. K. Ibuka.....	367 63	
¼ current expenses.....	318 06	1,198 03
Sandham Hall—Current expenses.....		448 50
Isaac Ferris Seminary—Current expenses.....		2,000
<i>Nagasaki Station—</i>		
Theological students' support.....	727 35	
Rev. A. Segawa.....	227 15	954 50
Boys' school.....		310 06
Girls' school.....		202 43
Kindergarten.....		85 43
<i>Mission Property—</i>		
Nagasaki Chapel.....	146 11	
Rev. H. Stout's House.....	348 81	
Rev. N. H. Demarest House.....	193 80	
Ladies' House.....	25 25	713 97
<i>Medical Bills—</i>		
Nagasaki Station.....	272	
Tokyo—Yokohama Station.....	581 86	803 86
<i>Miscellaneous Expenses—</i>		
Nagasaki Station.....	89 63	
Tokyo—Yokohama Station.....	24 02	
Treasury.....	47 44	161 10
<i>Publication Committee.....</i>		300
<i>Special—</i>		
Rev. E. S. Booth, for Ferris Seminary.....	80	
Rev. H. Stout.....	15	
Mrs. Verbeck's expenses to San Francisco.....	425	
Rev. H. Harris, moving to Tokiyo.....	163 96	683 96
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		\$32,243 75
<i>Paid in America—</i>		
Rev. J. H. Ballagh, for himself and children.....	\$550	
Miss H. L. Winn, outfit.....	300	
Miss H. L. Winn, paid her for expenses.....	100	
Miss H. L. Winn, passage to Japan.....	200	
Furnance for Ferris Seminary.....	134	
Freight and insurance on same.....	48 21	1,332 21
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Total for the Japan Mission.....		\$33,575 96
<i>Home Expenses—</i>		
Dr. Cobb, Corresponding Secretary.....	\$2,300	
Dr. Ferris, Honorary Secretary.....	300	
Mr. Logan, Bookkeeper.....	500	
Rent, office, \$604.15; moving and alterations,		
\$55.72; awnings, \$13.50; stove, etc., \$20.02....	694 29	
Office expenses, postage, etc.....	341 98	
Interest on loans.....	1,864 62	

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Rent of safe in bank, \$15; searches of wills, \$15.	30
Balance on Sower, \$213.09; printing, including 2	
Annual Reports, \$1,047.87.....	1,260 96
Mite boxes, \$100; traveling expenses, \$66.04.....	166 04

 \$7,457 89

RECAPITULATION.

Amoy Mission for the year.....	\$16,106 27
Arcot Mission for the year.....	26,361 07
Japan Mission for the year.....	33,575 96
Home expenses.....	7,457 89
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Total expenditures for 1885.....	\$83,501 19